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EUREKA LABOR ELECTS FOUR CITY OFFICIALS

South Tenants Join Calif. in OK For Meet

Join California Cannery, Agricultural Federation in Endorsing Denver National Convention July 9-11

Officials of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, in Memphis, have endorsed the call for a national convention of all agricultural and allied workers, to be held in Denver July 9-11.

The convention for agricultural and allied workers, has also been endorsed by the California Federation of Cannery and Agricultural Workers.

The convention will establish an International and will decide on affiliation with either the CIO or the AFL.

SALINAS—The Central Labor Council here is on record strongly protesting the affiliation of the company-union Independent Fruit and Vegetable Workers Assn. with the AFL. Copies of the protest have gone to state federation secretary Vandeleur, secretary Frank Morrison of the AFL and William Green.

The Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, AFL local 1821, has long been the bonafide union for the industry in this area.

SACRAMENTO—Agricultural Workers Union Local 20241, with headquarters here and branches in Winters, Marysville, Knights Landing, Walnut Grove, Isleton and Woodland has voted for affiliation with the CIO. A delegate has been elected to attend the Denver national convention.

USSR Will Build Bigger Polar Craft

WASHINGTON—The four Soviet transpolar flyers were received by President Roosevelt Monday. The President congratulated the flyers on their great feat.

MOSCOW—To make regular air communication between the Soviet Union and the U. S. A. entirely feasible, USSR aviation experts have revealed their determination to build greater, faster and longer range planes.

The determination was inspired by the great feat of Pilots Chkalov, Belikov and Baidukov, in the transpolar flight to the American West Coast.

Professor Otto J. Schmidt, leader of the recent North Pole expedition, said that in his opinion New York as well as the Pacific Coast might well become the terminus for the transpolar route. A shift of forty-eight degrees eastward from the Pole would put a plane on a course to New York, instead of Portland, Ore.

Professor A. N. Tupolev, designer of the plane which made the flight to the West Coast, said it is now possible for the USSR to build a plane capable of flying 12,500 miles, non-stop and without refueling.

LEWIS HAILS I. L. A. VOTE

Overwhelmingly for CIO Affiliation

With nearly completed ILA coastwise returns indicating an overwhelming vote for CIO affiliation, John L. Lewis has sent the following wire to Harry Bridges:

"I am gratified to learn of the progress being made in the vote that is being taken by the Pacific Coast ILA to affiliate with the Committee for Industrial Organization. The Committee for Industrial Organization will be glad to issue a charter of affiliation to the Pacific Coast ILA shortly after the vote is completed.

"I am planning at a very early date to assemble a national conference of the representatives of the various maritime groups to work out an authoritative and precise program for the complete organization of the Maritime industry on all coasts."

Bridges commented to the effect that:

"That definitely disposes of Ryan. The West Coast longshoremen are going to get their charter and Ryan is not going to be able to make any deal. Any affiliation of Ryan with the CIO would only harm CIO prestige."

Ask Reversal of King Frameup

SAN FRANCISCO—Attorneys for Earl King, E. F. Ramsey and Frank J. Conner have filed a brief of appeal against the conviction of the three in the Oakland "ship murder" case.

The brief asks reversal of the conviction of the three Marine Firemen members, charging one-sidedness and unfairness in Superior Judge Frank M. Ogden's comment on the evidence. Union labor maintains that King, Ramsey and Conner were victims of a frameup inspired by the shipowners, in the 5 year to life sentence for "complicity" in the killing of chief engineer Alberts of the Swayne and Hoyt freighter Point Lobos.

Want More Broadcasts

In other parts of the country, general Section membership meetings were held, where the radio program opened the meetings. From all Sections enthusiastic approval of the broadcast

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GOVERNORS IN TREACHERY AID STEEL BOSSES

Davey, Earle Using Militia to Guard Strikebreakers

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—Following the complete anti-labor turnabout of Governor Earle, State trooper's assisted the Bethlehem Steel Corp. in reopening its struck steel mills here. Sunday saw a huge mass meeting here of striking steel workers and coal miners, out in support of the steel workers.

James Marks, CIO and United Miners organizer, had called for a "mass invasion" of the city by coal miners.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Bayonets drawn, militiamen stood by here to permit strikebreakers to enter the struck Republic Steel and Youngstown Sheet and Tube mills.

Their action followed the treachery of Governor Davey, who originally pretended to have sent the national guardsmen to Youngstown, Warren and Canton to keep the mills closed.

Treachery by Davey and Earle

Davey and Governor Earle of Pennsylvania are both Democrats, and organized labor is seething with anger at the actions of men whom labor supported for election.

The actions of the two governors has emboldened the steel companies in their refusal to sign an agreement with the CIO, a refusal which President Roosevelt has termed "unreasonable."

In Indiana Governor Townsend has thus far refused the demand of Mayor Rooney of East Chicago that troops be dispatched to that town, to aid reopening of the mills. Meanwhile, the CIO was planning to move new forces into Weirton, West Virginia, where the Weirton Steel Corp. has been terrorizing 15,000 employees.

In Beaver Falls, Pa., George Mike died after a clash at the Moultrup Steel plant, the 13th striker to be killed so far.

DETROIT—The National Labor Relations Board has charged the Ford Motor Co. with "malicious and brutal assaults" on United Automobile Workers Union organizers. The Board has set July 6 for a hearing.

Congress Not to Adjourn Soon

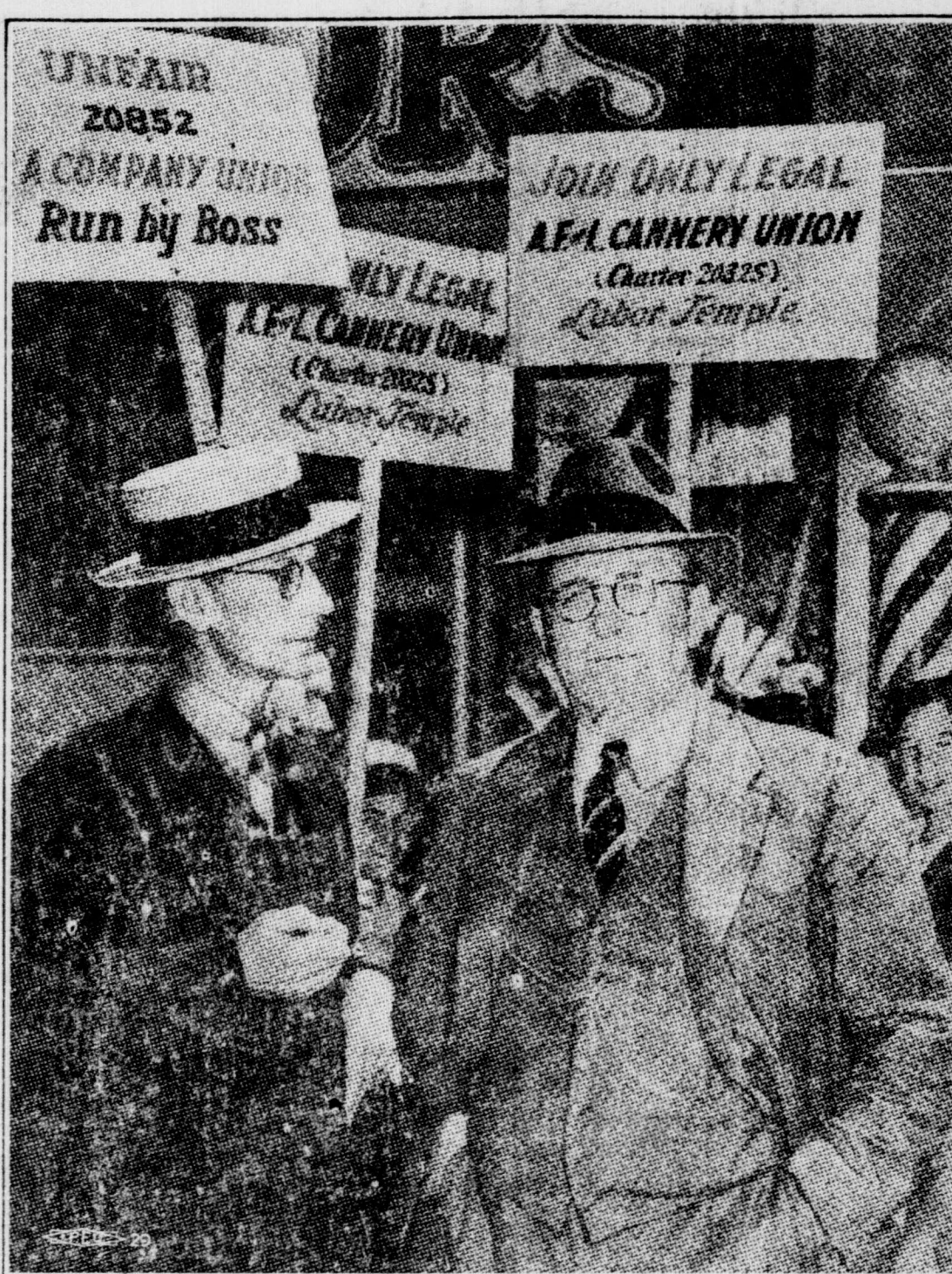
WASHINGTON—Administration leaders returning from the Jefferson Island week-end meeting with President Roosevelt announced that consideration of important planks of the administration's program will take precedence over adjournment of Congress.

More than 100 congressmen and senators, in addition to cabinet members and some 250 other individuals, visited the President over the week-end. Nominally the meeting was "purely social," but it was recognized as a significant gathering in which the question of adjournment figured prominently.

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Exposing Vandeleur's Co. Union Plan



EARL A. MOORHEAD (left), president of the Santa Clara Labor Council, and **J. J. ANDERSON**, secretary of the Council, after they were ejected from the meeting of a company union organized by State Federation Secretary Vandeleur, who revoked the charter of the bona fide Cannery Workers Union, Local 20325. The two progressive leaders are conversing with cannery unionists picketing the company union. The Labor Council is standing by the real union, local 20325.

BRIDGES BLASTS SPLITTING ORGY

Hits Cal. Federation Board's Expulsions

STOCKTON—Rowland B. Watson, AFL organizer, "knocked off" another Labor Council Monday—revoking the charter of the San Joaquin County Central Labor Council. The Council refused to relinquish its books and finances to Watson.

Watson had to flee the Council, due to the delegates' anger.

LOS ANGELES—Meeting here Sunday, and steered by secretary Ed Vandeleur, the state federation of labor executive committee continued its purging of progressive organizations.

The meeting of the executive committee was an orgy of revocation of charters and holding up of other charters because the locals concerned are progressive. The committee went on record to lift the charter of the San Francisco Filling Station Employees, and the charters of cannery and preserve workers locals. In the latter field Vandeleur has been setting up and granting charters to company unions.

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Referring to the milk bill, Soule declared:

"The Western Worker is waging a campaign for the repeal of this act. The Western Worker demands that the large dairy interests grant their workers wage increases, give to the small dairymen higher prices for their products, and, above all, lower the prices of milk! The Western Worker demands that these powerful dairy interests take a cut in their already immense profits, so that our thousands of undernourished children may have a quart of milk each day."

COLONIAL AIM IS PROCLAIMED BY NAZI CHIEF

Loyalists in Proof of New, Unprovoked Nazi Attacks

VALENCIA—German naval units openly bombarded the Spanish coast here with a deliberation obviously calculated to lead to war.

The Spanish government cited two direct attacks. A Loyalist plane patrolling the coast north-east of Cabo Palo was attacked and shot down by a twin-engine German seaplane.

German warships bombarded the coastal city of Sagunto, 15 miles north of Valencia, for more than an hour.

Loyalists learned of the arrival of 10,000 Arabs from Italian Libya, brought to Spain as part of the fascist army.

WURZBURG, Germany—"Germany needs Spanish ore, and that is why we want a nationalist government in Spain."

With flat statement of the aim to reduce Spain to colonial status Adolf Hitler came out into the open with the Nazi motives in carrying on its invasion of Spain, organizing the slaughter of the Basque people and the destruction of their homes and churches.

He declared flatly that the Nazi government would not even make further pretense of cooperation to "isolate" the struggle in Spain. Having been aided in its Spanish invasion by the "neutrality" front sponsored mainly by the British Tories, German fascism has now thrown off the incumbrance which this policy would still offer to direct and open intervention in Spain.

Bald Threats

Hitler's announcement of the Nazis intention of direct intervention in Spain was practically without veil in the statement:

"We shall take our security into our own hands. Thank God we are strong enough to protect ourselves. Speeches in parliament will not affect our decisions."

Although even the British Tories were unable to give any support to Hitler's effort to make a "cause celebre" or give any belief to the accusation that a Loyalist submarine had fired torpedoes in the direction of the German cruiser Leipzig, Hitler gave the incident as the immediate factor in the latest Nazi defiance.

A returned soldier from the Lincoln Battalion, Major Lord, American war ace active for Spanish democracy, Mike Gold and Matt Pelman, president of the Young Communist League of Southern California will speak.

The Contemporary Theater will present the Spanish civil war play, "No Pasaran"; the film "Miracle of Madrid" will be shown, and Guillermo Arcos, world's foremost guitarist, will play.

There will be dancing and refreshments.

FLINT ON TRIAL

SACRAMENTO—Assemblyman Gene Flint, charged with offering to bribe Assemblyman Fred Reaves to vote yes on the Welsh oil bill, went on trial Tuesday.

Fourth county "over the top" in the Western Worker Circulation Drive, San Francisco last Saturday won deserved applause for real Communist work in building the influence of the "Western." (See Page 2 for letter commending Santa Barbara County for topping its quota.)

With 610 subscriptions obtained, 102 per cent of its quota, San Francisco is not stopping for a minute, for it has challenged Los Angeles to further competition on the basis of the highest per cent over the top by July 10. L. A. has already topped its 1000-sub quota.

In fact, competition is getting keener, as exemplified in the individual socialist competition between Jerry Feingold, S. F.'s ace sub-getter, and N. Schrier, of L. A. Last Saturday it was announced Feingold has achieved the mighty total of 92 subscriptions.

As the Drive enters its last days, all eyes focus on the big Press Builders' Congress, to be held on July 17-18 in Los Angeles. Comrades, Party and non-Party, are urged to total their points scored so far, to determine how many more they need to qualify as delegates.

Points are scored as follows: 1 point for each month of Western Worker sub; 1 point for each month of Sunday Worker sub; 2 points for each month of Daily Worker sub.

One hundred points brings an invitation; if you need 30 or 40 or 50 points more, go over your list of contacts for subs. If you need help in lining up contacts, ask your Communist Party County Committee for assistance.

Be at the Press Builders' Congress on July 17-18!

Non-Partisan League Victor In First Trial

Progressives Hail Victory as Stimulus to Complete Organization of Lumber Workers; Activity Planned

EUREKA—Four of the eight candidates selected or endorsed by Labor's Non-Partisan League are now in office, the result of their election by the Eureka voters in the municipal elections held on Monday, June 21. Electing a Councilman, City Attorney, Supt. of Streets, and City Clerk is their initial try in the political

field, progressive trade unionists are highly elated over the outcome of the elections.

Two other labor councilman candidates missed being elected by the narrow margins of six hundred and eleven hundred votes. If these two councilmen had been elected, labor would have held three of the five seats in the council.

Jobless Plan for New March

Alliance Parley Hits WPA Slashes

MILWAUKEE—A march on Washington will protest the proposed WPA slashes, delegates to the third annual Workers Alliance national convention have voted.

Date of the march will be set by the executive board.

Wire to F. D.

A unanimous vote to send Pres. Roosevelt a telegram asking that "your policy that no one who cannot find a job in private industry at decent wages will be forced off WPA be enforced," was passed by 700 delegates from 45 states representing America's WPA workers at the convention.

Delegates were greeted by Pres. Henry Ohl Jr., of the Wisconsin Federation of Labor.

Terrific applause punctuated the keynote address of Pres. David Lasser, who declared: "The Workers' Alliance will join with the working class in its great cry of 'No Pasaran!' We shall set our goal—and shall not cease in our activities until it is achieved—that every man, woman and child in this country has won and received that great abundance which this nation can provide its citizens."

S. F. Is Fourth County Over Top in Sub Drive!

LOS ANGELES—Paramount Hall, 2706 Brooklyn Avenue, has been secured for the Press Builders' Congress and Victory Dance, July 17-18. A six-piece orchestra will play for the dancers. Special added entertainment features will be the "Bowery" and "Olio" acts. At least 800 will be on hand to welcome the delegates. A sight-seeing tour is planned for the afternoon.

All attempts of the reactionaries in the labor movement to halt the work of the committee met with very aggressive opposition from the progressives. The committee's final report received the unanimous endorsement of the Federated Trades Council where the three or four reactionaries who were campaigning against the League dared not openly oppose the League by a vote.

The great majority of the local unions also endorsed the committee's report. The main opposition came from some of the small Building Trades locals. Reactionary delegates from these locals refused to act on the committee and then reported back to their locals that they had been excluded. This caused some confusion and some opposition on the part of members of the Building Trades locals.

The progressives realize the real nature of the victory achieved, because the basic industry in Eureka is in the process of being organized.

Plans are now being made to extend the committee so that it will strike roots in all of the local unions. It is expected that a permanent executive committee will be elected to keep close watch on all city and county officials.

Thousands Hear 'Western' Broadcast

Los Angeles Listeners Enthusiastic, Want More Radio Talks on Role of Paper

LOS ANGELES—Thousands of persons last Thursday evening, June 24, heard Doctor Albert Soule, instructor, speak on "The Western Worker—the People's Newspaper" in a special radio broadcast over station KMTR.

Many units of the Communist Party held open meetings where possible subscribers to the Western Worker were invited. After the broadcast, discussions were held in which points raised by Doctor Soule were further discussed.

High spot activity in connection with the broadcast centered in the Goodyear Section, when three units held a combined meeting in a church in Watts. Attended by close to 75 persons, the meeting was devoted entirely to discussion on the Western Worker. Pettis Perry, leading Negro comrade in the county and organizer of Goodyear Section, led the discussion.

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SAN PEDRO UNIONS' PRESSURE PUTS HALT TO PERSECUTION OF UNIONISTS BY POLICE

Average of 25 Maritime Workers a Day Were Being Arrested; A Little Mass Pressure Worked Out Fine

SAN PEDRO—As a result of the mass pressure applied by the aroused members of organized labor here the police department has evidently called a halt to the reign of terror instituted during the last few weeks.

Following the resolution passed by the Maritime Federation

DOUGLAS TRIAL SHOWN TO BE D. A. FRAMEUP

Blast All Charges of Damage by Sitdown Strikers

LOS ANGELES—Defense attorneys Carter and Packard have rested their case in the trial of 21 Douglas aircraft strikers before Superior Court Judge Edward Bishop on charges of conspiracy to trespass.

Heavy blows were struck at the already tottering framework of evidence piled up by the prosecution when Doctor Towne Nylander, director of the National Labor Relations Board, and Ralph Seward, board attorney, took the stand and testified that they had found no evidence of damage, no weapons, and no threats of violence when they inspected the plant.

Denying prosecution's contention that strikers intended to burn the plant, Carter declared from the witness stand that he had visited the plant but had found nothing to indicate that strikers had such plans.

Strong proof that the entire case was a frame-up on the part of the District Attorney's office came when Assistant District Attorney William Simpson admitted under questioning that all indictments for the strikers had been prepared before any charges were brought before the grand jury.

Final arguments opened Monday morning. Coming as a boomerang for Donald Douglas, Edward Friedlander, former Douglas aircraft worker, declared at the hearing that plant officials had offered him \$5,000 if he could break the CIO union.

Complete proof that the Aircraft Workers Union is a company union was given when Friedlander admitted that he had been selected by Douglas officials to go to the Northern plant, a Douglas subsidiary, and organize the stogie organization.

23 Class B Hotels Grant Closed Shop

SAN FRANCISCO—Granting a closed shop and the same wage scale asked by strikers in Class A hotels, 23 Class B hotels here have signed one-year contracts with striking culinary and hotel unions.

Those signing are the Ritz, Ramona, Virginia, Alcazar, Crystal, Governor, President, Maryland, Somerset, Palomar, Clark, Columbia, Richelieu, Broadmoor, New Fillmore, Alta, Continental, American, St. James, Vanderbilt, Terminal, Mentone and Cal-Hyde Hotels.

Nearly 300 employees are covered in the contracts, including 66 clerks. Class A hotels refuse to include the clerks in collective bargaining.

Field Union Will Stay in Yolo

WINTERS (Yolo County)—The apocryphal strike has been called off by the Sacramento Agricultural Workers Union, because of the great concentration of armed vigilantes in the strike zone. But the workers who were solidly behind the strike are still behind the union, and the calling off of the strike simply amounts to reorganizing the lines for the immediate future.

The union is remaining in Winters, and intends to open a headquarters. "We are here to stay," leaders said. Vigilante activity was led by J. R. Griffith of the Associated Farmers and Sheriff Munroe and Thornhill of Yolo and Solano counties.

Goering Repeats Hitler Threats

BERLIN—General Hermann Goering, air minister and leading aide of Hitler, repeated Hitler's threat that Germany will take direct action in Spain and further declared that the Nazis will continue to seek for colonies. His address was made before the congress of the International Chamber of Commerce.

LEADS THUGS



DANIEL J. SHIELDS, ex-convict mayor of Johnstown, Pa., who deputized thugs and gave all Bethlehem steel strikers 90 days and \$100 fine, regardless of lack of evidence. Shields was once a racketeer and Gov. Earle has threatened to "slap him back in jail."

Johnson Gains a Retrial for Maui Sugar Strikers

HONOLULU—Grover Johnson has left for the mainland to seek a National Labor Relations Board probe of the plantation owners actions in the Maui sugar strike. He will also ask the NLRB-conducted elections for collective bargaining.

LOS ANGELES—Nine Filipino strike leaders on the island of Maui, Hawaii, were on trial with the jury selected at the time Grover Johnson, attorney for the International Air Defense boarded the China Clipper on June 16th. They had no legal counsel and Judge Martin of Wailuku, Maui, had refused a postponement to permit counsel to have time to get there from Los Angeles by boat.

Grover Johnson, upon his arrival in Maui, went into court and backed by hundreds of strikers exposed the methods of the prosecution calculated to send these men to jail for long terms. A mistrial was declared and the case started over with the selection of a new jury.

It is reported that the National Labor Relations Board representative in Maui was so obviously on the side of the sugar barons that the strikers forced him to leave the island. Attorney Grover Johnson is now negotiating for a settlement of the strike with the new NLRB representative. The first condition laid down by the strikers is that the nine strike leaders be released and the cases dismissed.

L.A. Relief Office Slugs Alliance Man

LOS ANGELES—The local county relief office at 12th and San Julian Streets makes no bones about beating up leaders of Workers Alliance grievance committees.

When Chester Brown, heading a delegation from the Alliance local, No. 5, attempted to enter the office last week, he was grabbed and held by three hired thugs of the office while William Delaney, doorman, hit him several times, landing one bad blow on his nose.

Denied Medical Aid

Though confronted with the admission of Delaney that he had hit Brown, Miss E. Pillsbury, relief director, refused to take any action in the matter and denied Brown medical attention or compensation for his blood-stained clothes.

Attempts of Brown to gain satisfaction from other departments met with the same refusal to take responsibility.

According to Brown, the Workers Alliance here is planning a protest campaign to prevent further recurrence of such tactics on the part of the Los Angeles County Relief Administration.

Marine Convention Rejects Change In Voting Strength

PORTLAND, Ore.—A proposed change in voting strength of affiliated organizations has been voted down at the Maritime Federation convention here.

The Sailors Union of San Pedro introduced the resolution, calling for "one vote for each member on which said organization has paid per capita tax to the Maritime Federation." The present pro rata basis seemed more just to the delegates, however, as many felt that the proposed change would be unfair to the smaller organizations.

VANDELEUR IS BLASTED FOR TREACHERIES

Cannery Betrayals Hit by San Jose Labor Council

An Oakland mass meeting of over 4000 Alameda County CIO members on Sunday instructed the executive council to confer immediately with cannery operators for a settlement of the Cal-Pack and California Conserving strikes.

In Richmond, Louis Granzella, Felice and Perilli cannery strikers, was arrested for the second time, on complaint of a scab, and held on \$1000 bail.

SAN JOSE—A "Vandeleur-Cannery League sellout" is the way in which the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council, of which Earl Moorhead is president, characterizes the chartering by state federation secretary Vandeleur of a company union in the canneries here.

Council in Hot Reply

A hot reply has come from the Labor Council, to the vicious attack issued by Vandeleur Thursday against progressive cannery locals.

Vandeleur's blast was apparently issued "to justify chartering a second union in Santa Clara County, promoted by cannery officials with the help of the State Federation," the Council declares, and continues:

"Vandeleur charges that seven men in Cannery Union 20-325 are dictating to the cannery workers of Santa Clara county as to how their union is to be run. This is a deliberate misstatement of fact."

Supported by Labor

"From the time this union was chartered it has had the full support of the entire organized labor movement of Santa Clara, including the Building Trades and other unions."

"This step was taken early in the fall of 1936, at a time when the State Federation of Labor was supremely inactive in the agricultural and cannery field."

"This preliminary work, financed by a fund raised from the various unions affiliated to the council, without one cent from the State Federation of Labor, placed the union in position to organize a strong body with the united support of the organized labor movement of Santa Clara county."

"At this point, when agreements were in process of negotiation, and when shop committee membership were in full swing, Mr. Vandeleur initiated a dual union in Santa Clara county on the basis of petitions circulated in canneries with company support and pressure."

"This was the first interest shown by Mr. Vandeleur in the organization of Santa Clara cannery workers."

Company Union

"The union, 20-352, he states, has organized, is a union formed with company connivance. The 2500 workers who attended the nominating meeting in San Jose June 23, were forced to sign applications for union membership and pay initiations under threat of losing their jobs."

"No cannery worker who wore a union button, carried a union book or had taken part in union activities, was given voice or vote in the new Santa Clara union."

"The president and secretary of the Santa Clara Central Labor Council were denied admission to the meeting which initiated the new union and nominated its officers."

"It is obvious that this Vandeleur-Cannery League sellout which now has been given its counterpart in Stockton, Sacramento, Richmond, Hayward and Oakland, will bring the cannery workers of California neither trade union democracy or better wages and conditions."

"No cannery worker did nothing for the agricultural workers of California until he O. K. of the Growers and Processors was given. He is now ready to turn these workers over to the representatives of the canneries. He hopes to cover this treachery by raising the threadbare red scare."

"The Santa Clara County Central Labor Council has in the past and will continue to assume full responsibility for the ability and integrity of the leadership of Cannery Union 20-325. It has placed at the disposal of this union the chairman of its organizing board."

Members of the Cannery Workers Union 20-099, Oakland, also issued a statement replying to Vandeleur. It charged Vandeleur "not only admitted his part in fostering company unionism in the canneries, but brazenly shouted his determination to continue such unethical and disruptive practices."

When the canners saw they couldn't break the strike and the organizations drive they conspired with such discredited labor officials as Vandeleur to form company unions. Our strikers were outlawed without conformity to rules and regulations of the AFL. Our charters have been revoked without formal hearings."

ACCUSE DRESS CO.

LOS ANGELES—The ILGWU has filed charges with the Labor Relations Board, of violation of the Wagner Act by the Darling Cotton Dress and Sportswear Co. The company is struck.

Salinas Council Doesn't Like Bill Green's Tactics

SALINAS—William Green didn't like the idea of the Salinas Central Labor Council protesting the revocation of the Alameda Central Labor Council's charter. Green sent a letter of protest to Council Secretary E. W. Burkhardt.

Green thought the Council "ought to approve the action of the American Federation of Labor." The delegates didn't agree, and filed his letter.

Bridges Blasts Cal. Federation Splitting Orgy

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Department Store Employees Union.

Bridges Speaks Out

Harry Bridges, who cast the sole progressive vote, declared himself as "100 per cent for the CIO." Bridges spoke out in a forthright manner when the executive committee approved the lifting of charters of three northern California cannery workers unions—Sacramento, Oakland and San Jose.

Bridges also was the sole member to vote against granting the executive committee authority to suspend an AFL local voting in favor of the CIO.

In voting itself this authority, without waiting for the state federation convention, the executive committee acted in the same unconstitutional way adopted by AFL executive council when it originally suspended 10 CIO internationals.

Bridges ridiculed Vandeleur's wild statements about the CIO and progressive unions, "working for a general strike," and accused Vandeleur of attempting to hand-pick delegates for the state federation convention in September, to make it an "employers affair."

Vandeleur, he said, was trying to beloud the issue by linking the CIO with the Communist Party.

Ortez Framed by Cannery League

HAYWARD, Alameda County

The Cannery League won the first round in the persecution trial of Faustino Ortez, framed cannery picket, before a prejudiced court, rife with anti-semitism, when a jury brought in a verdict of guilty to the charges of "assault and battery," after an hour's pretense at deliberation.

Defense attorney Richard Gladstein immediately asked for a hearing on a new trial, stating new evidence had been uncovered. The hearing was set for June 30 before Judge Jacob Harder.

One Bill Souza, scab, testified Ortez had assaulted him the night of May 15, when Ortez was present at IDES Hall, where a Holy Ghost celebration was being held, until 11 p. m. when he was home to bed.

Judge Harder refused to allow the arresting officers to be placed on the stand and refused to allow into evidence the photographs showing Faustino's body after being beaten by the police officers.

One worker commented: "He (Ortez) couldn't help but find fault with that jury. My boss had no business on that jury. He sells to the cannery. Naturally he favors them."

During the brief trial, Prosecutor Neilson thinly disguised his Jew-baiting, aimed at Attorney Gladstein, for the benefit of the jury.

Workers are urged to protest to Judge Harder, demanding a new trial.

Labor Still Faces Sta. Rosa Terror

SANTA ROSA (Sonoma County)—Vigilante terror still exists in Sonoma County, states the Santa Rosa Central Labor Council in a letter to all labor councils in the state.

"At a recent meeting held at Santa Rosa," the letter states, "speakers for the Associated Farmers sought by half truths and innuendos to incite the farmers to vigilante action at the first attempt of organized labor to organize the field workers."

SF Cloak, Dress Makers' Strike Vote

SAN FRANCISCO—A special meeting Wednesday, called by the Cloak Makers will vote on strike. On Thursday the dress-makers will hold a strike ratification meeting.

More than 1000 workers would be involved in the strikes.

IDAHO MINERS WIN

KELLOGG, Idaho—Strikers of the Paige and Morning mines of the Cour d'Alene district have won their demands and are back at work. They were led by the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union and received the support of workers in other mines and in the smelters.

ILA AIDS STRIKE

NEW YORK—ILA members in all eastern ports will not handle wool shipments until a strike of Boston wool handlers is settled.

COUNCILS HIT CHARTERING CO. UNIONS

Attack Vandeleur's Betrayals in Canners

What progressive Central Labor Councils think of Ed Vandeleur's chartering of company unions or putting in company slates in cannery and agricultural locals is seen from the following editorial from the "Farmer-Labor News," agricultural and cannery supplement:

"The Stockton Central Labor Council has been asked by Cannery Union 20767 to seat six delegates elected by that union. Four of these delegates are floor ladies and foremen. One is the president of the union, fraternity brother to J. Paul St. Sure, attorney for the Growers & Processors."

"The Stockton Central Labor Council did not seat these delegates when they were asked for credentials at its meeting June 14th but referred them to its Executive Committee for further investigation."

"Roland Watson, AFL organizer for the Pacific Coast, warned the Central Labor Council that it was acting 'outside its rights.' A Central Labor body is expected to seat any delegates chosen by chartered AFL unions."

"The same question lies ahead for the Central Labor Councils of Sacramento, Salinas and Santa Clara. Elections in Cannery Union 20324, Sacramento, show 14 "company" candidates successful in the first balloting and the probability that the entire "company" slate will win out for all 24 offices. This will mean that floor ladies and foremen will have control of the union as they already have of the Stockton cannery union. Their delegates to the Central Labor Council may be expected to have company points of view."

"In Salinas the Company union, the Fruit & Vegetable Workers Independent Assn., has applied for an AFL charter. In Santa Clara, Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation, has threatened to revoke the charter of Cannery Union 20324 and give jurisdiction to a new union composed of cannery workers enrolled with company approval and officered by foremen and floor ladies of the kind in control of the Stockton union."

"The Salinas Central Labor Council, after discussing the action they might be called on to take, should the company union in Salinas receive an AFL charter, voted to confer with the Santa Clara Council to plan joint action in dealing with events as they might arise."

"Joint discussion of problems of vigilantism, as raised by the Santa Rosa Central Labor Council in a letter to other central bodies, and as proposed by Salinas to Santa Clara on the question of seating company controlled delegates, would prove exceptionally helpful in preventing misunderstandings and paving the way for democratic and progressive action in the difficult times ahead forecast when employers attempt to control AFL unions."

Labor Seeks a Seat On Pittsb'g Council

PITTSBURG, Contra Costa County—Following the resignation of Mayor M. W. Creagh, Jr., from the city council, members of the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers are insisting that Harry Gilk, one of the Amalgamated members, be named for the post.

An Amalgamated delegation appeared before the city council last week and successfully demanded that the four remaining members of the board give further consideration to naming of the fifth member.

A proposal by Councilman Monteverde to name former Mayor Donovan was defeated in a 2-2 deadlock vote.

Donovan has refused to make public results of a crime and vice investigation made by him, on which \$700 was spent.

San Diego to Hear Major Lord Talk

SAN DIEGO—Major Fredrick I. Lord, World War ace, who recently returned from the Bilibao front where he shot down thirteen rebel planes, will be the main speaker at a mass meeting sponsored by the San Diego branch of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy to be held in the Roosevelt Auditorium July 11th.

The San Diego School Board, compelled by public pressure, granted the use of a school auditorium for the meeting without protest, completely reversing its position of a few weeks ago when it denied the use of a school for a meeting where the Spanish Youth delegation was to speak.

All funds collected at the meeting will be used to purchase medical and other humanitarian aid for the Spanish people.

Lettuce Co. Union Proves a Fizzle In Watsonville

WATSONVILLE—The attempt of the company union Independent Fruit and Vegetable Workers Assn., to put on a mass meeting here flopped badly. Of 60 persons in the hall, 25 were members of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union, who came to see what occurred.

Thousands are employed in the industry here, but the company outfit could draw only a handful.

SELBY SITDOWN STRIKE IS WON

Take Hated Foreman Off the Job

SELBY—With a hated anti-labor foreman removed, the sit-down strike of 600 American Smelting and Refining workers has ended. The strikers are members of the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union. The objectionable foreman will be transferred to another job. The union is also seeking a new agreement, with a \$175 daily wage increase, closed shop, and two weeks paid vacation.

Hearings Bring Proof of Mine Union's Charges

GRASS VALLEY—Unquestionable evidence of a lockout, followed by blacklisting of union gold miners, and company domination over the Mine Workers Protective League, has been produced at Labor Board hearings here.

The case grew out of charges filed by Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers local 283, against the Idaho-Maryland mining corporation.

Locked-out gold mine employees of the I-M company; Este, Rthneik, Padgett, Burns, Garrio, Cozed, Morgan, J. Williams, Marshall Dardon, Thomas, and Williams were some of the miners victimized who have staid during the week. They testified to have been given application cards for League membership, prior to, and after Twinities Miners Union 283 held its arter meeting on Feb. 28th, 37.

These cards were given out the I-M mines by shift bosses, a storekeeper, a watchman and a checker. Shift bosses Roy Mcowell, Richard Hales, W. H. Harty, Cliff Plant, storekeeper; Alrt Wills, watchman; and Frank Williams, blacksmith were some those named.

Miners, knowing the company union nature of the League, refused membership in the organization. They were told that this would mean loss of employment. The miners mentioned were so satisfactory as to have been praised personally and in safety meetings.

Suddenly, without warning, the workers in the Old Brunswick Mine of the Idaho-Maryland Corp., now wearing their union buttons, were handed their pay-checks on April 15 of this year—lockout. This was done despite the fact that the company had been installing new equipment, indicating plans to expand operations.

Co. to Blame for L.A. Bldg. Crash

LOS ANGELES—"Negligence on the part of the party or parties in charge of said construction work" was found to have been the cause of the death of two workers Wednesday, when a warehouse under construction at 4615 Bandini Boulevard, collapsed, a coroner's jury declared.

Clyde N. Dirlam, county building inspector, testified at the coroner's inquest that the building under construction by the Atlas Steel and Engineering Company, lacked sufficient and correct bracing.

L.A. City Council Downs 30 Hr. Week

LOS ANGELES—Members of the city council last Friday, June 25, turned down a motion to favor the 30-hour week policy for local industry introduced by councilman Parley Parker Christensen.

Excuse made for rejection of the proposal was that it would obligate the council to reduce working hours of all city employees with a resulting additional cost of \$12,000,000.

Oakland Kids Collect for Kids of Spain

OAKLAND—"We are collecting money so that the children of Spain won't starve," said David Osborne, 8, and Martin Osborne, 10, to sympathetic passers-by in this city last week.

Arming themselves with hastily adapted tomato cans, the two brothers spent two afternoons patrolling their neighborhood for adult people who also did not want the children of Spain to starve.

'CONGRATS' TO STA. BARBARA IN SUB DRIVE

C.P. State Committee Praises Section For Achievement

Santa Barbara section of the Communist Party, received the hearty congratulations of the California State Committee for its achievement in going over the top in the Western Worker sub drive.

The message to Santa Barbara states: Santa Barbara County Committee Dear Comrades:

In the name of the California State Committee, we are extremely happy to extend to the Santa Barbara membership our heartiest congratulations on the successful fulfillment of your Western Worker Circulation Drive quota before the scheduled date.

Will Stimulate All

We consider this an excellent piece of work which will stimulate the activity of every single Party member throughout the State. Santa Barbara has now joined the other victorious sections—Alameda, Los Angeles.

The splendid response of the Santa Barbara membership to the Western Worker Drive is an indication of the growing recognition of the role of the Western Worker in increasing the influence of our Party, in stimulating the organization of the struggle against reaction for united political action.

We feel certain that the Santa Barbara membership will not stop in its good work, but will use the achievements attained thus far as a means of involving every single member to go over the top in the Western Worker Drive. We also feel certain that the Santa Barbara County Committee, which so splendidly led the Drive, will utilize these successes as a means of getting a broad delegation to represent the Santa Barbara membership at the Press Builders Congress on July 17-18 in Los Angeles.

Continue your good work, rally every single Party member, to go over the top.

With revolutionary greetings, Comradely yours, ANITA WHITNEY, State Chairman, WM. SCHNEIDERMAN, State Secretary.

Teamsters Leaders Raiding Brewers

SEATTLE—Both the Pacific Coast ILA and the Woodworkers Federation have announced a boycott on beer, beating the Teamsters' Union label. The Maritime Federation convention in Portland has taken similar action.

The boycott is due to the Teamsters' raiding of Brewery Workers Union members, who rightfully have jurisdiction over the brewery drivers.

SAN FRANCISCO—Following on Federal Judge Roche's dismissal of a suit to determine whether the Brewery Workers or the Teamsters shall have jurisdiction over brewery drivers, reactionary teamsters officials up and down the coast have renewed their vicious raiding campaign against the Brewery Union.

Beck in New Threats

The suit was brought by the California State Brewers' Institute. The AFL many years ago granted jurisdiction to the industrial Brewery Workers International, which the Teamsters have disputed. Later the AFL executive council supported the Teamsters.

Dave Beck, Teamsters' reactionary international vice-president, began a move after the Roche decision, to force brewers to turn drivers over to the Teamsters.

Shipowners For Attacks

SAN FRANCISCO—Shipowners, in an attempt to bring about united attacks in the future on the maritime unions, have consolidated all West Coast Waterfront Employers Associations into the Waterfront Employers Assn. of the Pacific Coast.

In addition, the new organization includes all offshore, coastwise, foreign and intercoastal lines.

Almon E. Roth is president of the new employers association. Purposes of the association are claimed to include "development of forward looking labor policies; and eliminating causes of disputes before they result in disruption of commerce."

BILBAO FIGHT SEEN AS SPUR TO LOYALISTS

Foreign Troops, Not Spaniards, Took The Capital

(By Wireless)

MOSCOW—The capture of Bilbao by the Spanish fascists bids fair to repeat the experience of Malaga, whose loss resulted in a tremendous spurt in the strength of the Loyalists. Col. Gen. Golubev, military specialist of the government newspaper Izvestia, declares in an article, "The most recent fighting at Bilbao was extremely bitter. The rebels and interventionists, despite their great superiority in technique, suffered heavy losses in these battles," Col. Golubev writes.

Grew Stronger
"The resistance of the republican (loyalist) troops grew continually stronger. However, when the rebels and interventionists broke through the main fortified belt, the situation at Bilbao became more difficult each day."

"The rebels attacked one of the weakest sections of the Basque defense in breaking through the 'steel belt' between Munia and Lemona."

"Not considering their forces in a position to hold out in a struggle within the city against the overwhelming attacking forces of the rebels and with danger of the road from Bilbao to Santander being cut by a strong contingent of rebels, the Basque command decided to evacuate the capital."

Not Lost Courage
"All foreign newspaper correspondents, without exception, emphasize that the Basque units have not lost their fighting capacity with the loss of Bilbao, and as before the rebels and interventionists will meet with fierce resistance from them."

"The loss of Bilbao is a result of the overwhelming numerical and technical superiority of the troops of the rebels and interventionists over the Basque units."

"Bilbao fell not because Franco's Spanish units here were strong. The struggle for Bilbao is the most striking proof of the real character of the war and the relation of forces inside Spain."

"The Bilbao sector was isolated from the remaining front in Spain, so that it was represented only by its own forces."

"It was only very recently that the Basque units began to merge into a regular army."

German, Italian Equipped
"Nonetheless, in order to drive these heroic units out of Bilbao, the rebel command had to concentrate against them not only overwhelming Italian and German military equipment (aviation, artillery, tanks), but also to place the main brunt of operations against Bilbao on Italian expeditionary troops."

"Bilbao fell under the blows of Italo-German military equipment and Italo-German expeditionary forces—this is the main conclusion to be drawn from almost three months of offensive of the rebels and interventionists against the capital of the Basque people."

"The Bilbao sector is a sector of secondary importance when we consider the war in Spain as a whole, and success at this city is a partial success of the rebels and interventionists."

General Situation Unchanged
"It does not change the main relation of forces on the territory of Spain, which finally as formerly, will turn out to be in favor of the Republicans."

"The fascist press in all countries interpreted the Malaga operations as a new stage in the struggle on the territory of Spain."

"However, the defeat outside Madrid resulted in a sharp growth in the strength of the forces of Republican Spain."

"Consequently, as a result of Malaga, there followed the collapse of the offensive of the rebels and interventionists on the Jarama front and the bitter defeat of the Italian expeditionary corps at Guadalajara."

Principal Defenses Stronger
"During the four and a half months between the fall of Malaga and the fall of Bilbao, the principal hinterland of Republican Spain and the main forces of its army have been greatly strengthened."

"It therefore can hardly be doubted that the partial success of the rebels and interventionists at Bilbao will give rise to a consolidation of the democratic forces of Spain which will do more than smash attempted new fascist offensives."

"This consolidation of forces will ultimately bring about the opening of a decisive and victorious offensive of the Republican army."

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CANNERY UNION RANK AND FILE IN FINAL POLL

Progressives Oppose Company Slate in Sacto. Local

By a Worker Correspondent
SACRAMENTO—Following are results of Sacramento County Cannery Workers Local 20324 elections, held Tuesday, June 15. For president, there will be a run-off between Jack Herold, of the rank and file slate, and William Dunn, of the company slate. Herold polled 1154 votes and Dunn 1459. There were two other candidates.

For vice-president, there will be a run-off between Edward Reed, of the rank and file slate, who polled 1029 votes; and Arthur Lohr, of the company slate, who received 1356 votes. There were three other candidates, who were eliminated.

Vote Down Co. Slate
Christine Bourge, rank and file, will be in the finals for secretary against Andrew Suilwich, company slate. Robert Jones was eliminated.

For treasurer, Jack DeMain, rank and file, received 1041 votes and will be in the finals against Theresa De Costa, of the company slate, who polled 1423 votes.

The Cannery League of California is trying hard to put company people in office in this local, so that the union won't be able to win decent working conditions, wages and hours for its membership.

Mexico to Take Over Railroad

MEXICO CITY—Decision of the Mexican government to take over the Mexican National Railway system in accordance with Mexican laws governing public utilities was made here by President Lazaro Cardenas.

Under this law the government has the right to appropriate utilities, setting up a neutral commission to determine a reasonable price to be paid in reimbursement to the owners. In the case of the Mexican National Railways the bondholders are largely in the United States and other countries outside Mexico.

The Southern Pacific System in Mexico is not affected by the decree.

Wall St. Sees Prosperity of Soviet Union

NEW YORK—In a special 80-page supplement, The Journal of Commerce, one of Wall Street's two chief financial dailies, has assembled a mass of information on the Soviet Union.

Marshalling charts and figures to substantiate the facts in its 76 articles, the paper's American-Soviet Trade Number gives the low-down on the up-and-coming prosperity of the new Russia.

In an editorial introduction, Dr. Jules I. Gogen, editor of The Journal of Commerce, holds out hope to the American business man that before long trade with the Soviets "may reach higher totals than ever before."

He adds this warning, however: "The progress that has already been made by Soviet Russia in building up her capacity to produce raw materials and industrial equipment makes it possible for her to proceed with her planned economy without imports of goods from abroad."

Senator James P. Pope, a member of the Senate foreign relations committee, in an article commends the USSR for moving toward "a more democratic government."

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L. A. REPORTER REPUDIATES DOUGLAS LIES

Denies Truth of News Stories That Men Carried Weapons

LOS ANGELES—Repudiating the sensational and highly "colored" newspaper stories which he had written about the Douglas sidown strike for his newspaper, Charles Gesner, reporter, testified in the hearings of 21 sidowners in Judge E. T. Bishop's superior court last week.

Gesner's writup contained the statements that the men in the plant had in their possession weapons such as clubs and bludgeons, that they had spread explosive thinner around the plant, and that the men were in a warlike mood.

Repudiates False Stories
On the witness stand, however, Gesner denied that the men had any weapons in their possession, denied also that he had seen any thinner, or that the men were in a warlike mood.

Defense attorney Carter, representing the United Automobile Workers, on the witness stand told the court that the only weapons that he had seen were in the offices of the executives of the company which the sidowners never entered. He said that he had also seen cans of tear gas in the offices.

Capitalist to Head National Guard

BERKELEY—Brigadier General Walter P. Story, Los Angeles capitalist, is scheduled to become new commander of the California National Guard, the outfit that Governor Merriam tried to break the waterfront strike with in 1934, it was learned recently.

On June 27 Major General David P. Barrows, Hitler disciple and fascist associated with the political science department of the University of California, will be 64 and must retire. Barrows is head of the Liberty League organization in California to keep the Supreme Court packed.

Capitalist Story, as ranking officer in this guard division, including Utah and Nevada as well as California, steps up to take command.

His Strikebreaking and Business Go Together
While retirement will make Brigadier General Story a commander, it will take the formality of appointment by Merriam to confer major general rank. Secretary of State Hull and the United States Senate would confirm the appointment.

Story will move headquarters of the guard from Berkeley to Los Angeles so as better to manage the Guard, as well as his vast banks and factories.

The Los Angeles capitalist entered the Guard on November 20, 1920. Nineteen days later he was killed in a battle as captain. He has tried to break strikes for 11 years, both in his rank in the National Guard and in his profession as a high-class burglar.

Labor's Militancy Grows in Japan

TOKYO, Japan—Although labor disputes had been declining in number from 1931 to 1935, they began to take an upward course last year. The tendency has become very pronounced since the beginning of this year. During the first four months of 1937 there have been four times as many disputes as during the corresponding period of 1936.

In Tokyo and the neighboring district there are eight times as many. During the past few years small factories were largely involved, but disputes are now steadily spreading to big factories.

The fact that the demand for higher wages constitutes 50 per cent of the disputes this year testifies to the serious effect of the rising prices on the living of the working class. The cost of living has risen 20 per cent in the last few months, with no sign of stopping.

HIT "CANNED MELODY"

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—To protect the interests of musicians drastic regulation of the use of canned music was called for at the convention of the American Federation of Musicians.

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Exposing Lies of San Berdoo Editor On Soviet Union

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN BERNARDINO—I would appreciate the Western Worker answering this enclosed "editorial comment" column by Arthur J. Brown, editor of the local Evening Telegram, under the title of "Rags and Russia." A number of other people in this town would also appreciate it. They asked me to mail it to the Western Worker and ask them to answer it.

ANSWER:
The anti-Soviet columnist makes some statements, but very carefully neglects to mention a host of facts that would completely knock his contentions into a cocked hat.

"The average American worker can buy himself a pair of shoes with the results of one day's labor," he states; "were this San Bernardino mechanic residing in Russia under the beneficent rule of the Soviets, it would take him just about a month to earn money enough to buy a pair of shoes."

Average U. S. Worker
Let's see. The average American worker, provided he has a full time job, and there are 10,000,000 who have no jobs at all, makes about—and we'll be optimistic—\$18 a week. Out of that he buys a pair of shoes for \$2.50. You know the kind of shoes you get for \$2.50.

He pays rent—about \$25 a month, or \$6 a week. He has to spend at least \$1.50 a day for food, even if he has a minimum family, and that scrimping pretty tight. Gas and light—that's another \$1 a week—let's be conservative.

Expenses Eat Up Salary
Carfare to and from work, or expenses for an auto if he owns one; expenses for the kids in school; clothes for the kids; clothes for the wife—just a minimum on these—just the necessities and another \$5 a week is gone. We have listed only a few of the bare necessities and for the average American worker who's working full time, his \$18 a week average wages is almost shot.

How about amusements, movies, etc., for himself, the wife, the kids? You try and figure that in. And how about the time when illness or injury hits the family—where's the average American worker then?

Average Soviet Worker
Let's take the Soviet worker. Six of course, don't cost anywhere near 150 to 300 rubles in the USSR, as the red-baiting columnist says. You can get a plain pair for as low as five rubles. You can get fancier pairs of shoes from 10 rubles up to whatever you want to pay. Rent is about 2 to 10 per cent of your monthly wage, which averages 200-300 rubles a month. You get a month's vacation, with full pay; you get sent to a rest home free of charge during that month if you desire. You never pay doctor's bills—your trade union takes care of all medical expenses for you and your family.

Job Security in USSR
You go to movies, through your factory or your trade union, free of charge at a price of maybe one or a few rubles. And your wife and kids go with you. You get books free or at a ridiculously low price. You have the best sports facilities either connected with your factory or union.

You never worry about unemployment, because there's more jobs than people to do them, because there's so much construction and development going on in the Soviet Union.
Your kids don't have to worry about their future. They finish high school, and they go to college—they don't pay to go there—they get paid what is called a stipend, or a subsidy.

Well—it would take a volume to really tell all the advantages of a worker under Socialism over one under capitalism. These facts, we think, are enough for the present.

S. F. Bank Clerks to Vote on CIO Tieup

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DEMAND THAT CHICAGO FILM BE EXHIBITED

Urgé Protest Over Suppression of Massacre Reels

NEW YORK—"Newsreels are not the impartial purveyors of happenings they claim to be," says a statement issued by Associated Film Audiences, protesting the suppression by Paramount News of the pictures of Republic Steel's Memorial Day massacre at Chicago.

The films, viewed privately by LaFollette committee agents at Washington, showed police firing their revolvers pointblank into a dense crowd of men, women and children, and then pursuing and clubbing the survivors unmercifully.

Refuting Paramount's excuse that the news reels are "tense and nerve-racking," the organization points out that Paramount does not hesitate to portray war and nerve-racking pictures of war, tenement fires and gangster killings.

Where to Protest
"Controversial subject matter, also, is nothing new for Paramount News, as evidenced by the material used in the last election campaign, Supreme Court issue, labor demonstrations and strikes," the statement continues.

"If Paramount is allowed to suppress this film without strong protest by all organizations and individuals who believe in the American tradition of democracy, it will be only a short step to the suppression of all motion pictures presenting a truthful portrayal of the contemporary scene. We believe it is for the public and local theater exhibitor to decide whether this film should be shown."

Protests to A. J. Richard, Paramount News, 544 W. 43rd St., New York City, are called for.

Long Beach Labor Council is Sued

LONG BEACH—Charging the picket lines before the Lynwood, Compton and Long Beach Stores of C. S. Smith were wrecking the business which employed 270 "contented and happy employees," the company is suing the Meat Cutters Local No. 284 and the Central Labor Council for \$25,000 in a damage suit filed here.

In the meantime Judge Emmett H. Wilson did his "bit" by granting a temporary injunction restraining Betchers, Teamsters and the Labor Council and the Labor News from picketing.

Methodists Stand Against Fascism

STOCKTON—The Northern California Methodist Conference took a stand last Thursday for freedom and democracy in the adoption of the report of its social service commission.

"We declare ourselves for democracy," said the report. "A free church cannot long survive the death of a free school, free press, free speech and free assembly; these are the foundation of democracy and progress."

Against Vigilantism
"It is our duty to fight every attempt to take their liberties from the church or from any citizen of our country. More concretely, we are and must be opposed to vigilantism, to organized attacks on the liberty of man to organize peaceably, the use of forces of Government to serve the interests of one group by attacking the rights of another group, and to the endeavor to discharge teachers of workers for opinions or for legal activities."

To Fight Fascism
Unanimously to the last delegate, by a record vote, the resolution concluded:

"We call upon our people to make a serious study of the relation of the church to the community and state, in order that we may deal intelligently with the growing problem of encroachments upon liberty, and the trend toward dictatorship and Fascism."

Leaders of the conference include Bishop James C. Baker, Mrs. John Nute of Palo Alto, Dr. Edna Beck Kiesler, Mrs. F. P. Flegel, and Mrs. J. K. Cecil.

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Basque Children Reach Leningrad And Big Welcome

LENINGRAD—Thousands waiting on the dock gave a tumultuous cheer of welcome to 1505 Basque children who arrived here on the Steamer Santal. Cheers of the crowd were answered by the children themselves who sang the "International" and shouted in unison "Long Live Russia" and "Long Live Stalin."

After medical examination the children will be sent to rest homes and sanatoria throughout the Soviet Union. Meanwhile a program of rest, recreation and entertainment has been drawn up for their stay in Leningrad.

Soviets Protest Latest Japanese Border Violation

MOSCOW—Again confronted with violations of the Soviet border by Japanese police officers, the People's Commissariat of Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union has filed formal protest with the Japanese embassy here.

At the same time the general consul of the Soviet Union in Khabarovsk was instructed to protest to the puppet government of Manchukuo against the violations.

Three Japanese, later identified as police agents, crossed the border into the Soviet Union from Manchuria, near the point where the Soviet, Manchurian and Korean borders converge.

Soviet frontier guards, discovering their presence, called upon them to halt. Instead they fired upon the guards. The latter returned fire and killed one of the invaders. The others recrossed the border. Documents on the body of the dead man revealed his identity.

India Unions in Move for Unity

NAGPUR, India—United action by the unions affiliated to the All-India Trade Union Congress and the National Trade Union Federation in the Central Provinces and Berar was decided on at a meeting of representatives of these unions held in Nagpur.

The meeting was called to work out methods of support for the jute and textile strikers.

The meeting unanimously adopted resolutions condemning the policy adopted by the Bengal Government toward the jute workers in suppressing trade union rights, calling upon all trade unions regardless of their affiliation to support the strike, and expressing sympathy with the Rajnandgaon strikers in their fight against drastic wage-cuts ranging from 10 to 55 per cent.

The Trade Union Congress proposed a detailed scheme of trade union unity in the province, which the federation promised to reply to within two weeks.

MADERA PLOT AGAINST FIELD LABOR UNIONS

MADERA—District Attorney George Mordecai is reported studying methods of strengthening Madera County laws which are designed to prevent raising of wages during the harvest season.

He is trying to form a series of amendments which will "put teeth" in the desire of the big wealthier growers to prohibit employees from joining unions of their own choosing, and to make picketing a "crime" by calling it vagrancy or loitering "without a business purpose."

Mordecai has always been a tool of the big growers and the mortgage-holding banks, crushing down the poor farmers and the agricultural laborers alike.

L. A. LUMBER FACT
LOS ANGELES—Wage increases averaging 15 per cent have been won by a new one-year agreement between lumber yards and the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, representing 2000 employees.

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TROTSKYISTS ARRESTED IN MADRID RAID

Caught in Alliance With Agents of Gen. Franco

MADRID—Loyalist Spain moved to wipe out the Trotskyist POUM and allied elements composing the "fifth column" of General Franco with the arrest of more than 200 in Madrid and Barcelona. Among them were not only the POUM, but Falangists who worked with them.

Arrests were made by Segura, reflecting the energetic policy of the Negrin cabinet to deal promptly and effectively with disloyalty and treachery carried on within Loyalist territory.

One piece of evidence was a map of Madrid on which strategic points for shelling were marked. On the back of another map was a message written to Franco headquarters. Aside from its statement that the organization had 200 well armed men, the message revealed the connection of Franco with the POUM.

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Eureka Shows the Way

LABOR in Eureka has carried out a campaign which will at once become the envy and the inspiration of the labor movement throughout the country. It has not only demonstrated that labor can exert its political influence to make organization easier, but that in the course of this effort it can elect its own candidates to public office.

In elections held June 21, four of the eight candidates selected or endorsed by the local Labor's Non-Partisan League were elected by the voters. But the effect of the campaign was a good deal more far-reaching than that. It has forced a change in the attitude of the entire reactionary machine. Notably, Mayor Frank Sweeney found it necessary to put up a new and liberal appeal to retain his office.

In short, the appearance of labor in the political field, even before it has fully captured control of the government in the city where it represents a majority, has forced a new approach by those who hold office to serve the lumber interests as best they can.

It was only natural that labor should take this stand. It suffered a campaign of brutal terror and mass arrests during the lumber strike of 1935. Elected officials consistently supported the lumber interests against the vast majority of the people of Eureka. They could only do so because labor had not organized this majority to fight for its own interest.

The campaign committee now plans to follow up its gains. One of its major tasks will be to carry on the fight against repressive anti-picket laws. It plans to involve every local union in its work.

The political victory clears the way for 100 per cent organization in the timber industry. It is the initial step toward complete labor control of the Eureka city government—majority control.

A Reminder to the President

THE Communist Party has truly stated that President Roosevelt's attitude on all outstanding social and economic questions of the day depends on which side brings the greatest amount of pressure on the President—Wall Street or the trade unions and the people.

Some developments in the past week point to the need for renewed pressure on President Roosevelt by organized labor and the people. They are developments which accompany a large-scale open shop drive, in which civil rights are menaced.

The post office department had refused to deliver parcels of food to scabs in Ohio steel plants, and members of the post office committee of the lower House justified this on the grounds that the post office cannot make itself a party to the violation of the Labor Relations Law.

Yet Attorney General Cummings has ordered the arrest of pickets charged with "interfering with the mails." Cummings is among those in the Democratic Party who stand much closer to the Liberty League than to the New Deal program. Liberty League supporters like political commentator David Lawrence are applauding such actions.

Also, Governors Davey of Ohio and Earle of Pennsylvania, men who are close to the President, have changed their originally stated plans, and are now using the national guard to protect strikebreakers who desire to work in the independent steel mills.

John L. Lewis, immediately after the reelection of President Roosevelt last November, pointed out that labor had been instrumental in the reelection of Roosevelt and labor must capitalize on that fact.

It is now essential that organized labor remind the President that it supported him in such numbers because it did not want the Liberty League-Wall Street-Hearst combination of fascism to come into power.

Organized labor and all progressive sections of the population must act fast and sharply to prevent any application of the Liberty League program against the interest of all the people.

The demand must be made on the administration for the carrying out of the Wagner Act, and the protection of the right to organize, strike and picket, as well as the protection of all civil rights.

Girdler and Vandeleur Agree

IT IS not a matter of coincidence that Tom Girdler, chairman of the murderous Republic Steel Corp., and Edward Van-

deleur, secretary of the California Federation of Labor, publicly attacked the Committee for Industrial Organization on the same day.

Both attacks dovetailed into a nation-wide open-shop attempt to undo all the great achievements of the CIO in organizing millions of hitherto unorganized workers. The difference was that Vandeleur's attack was even more vicious than Girdler's. Is it because Vandeleur has been getting the active aid of the Trotskyites in this state?

It has become the fashion both for open shoppers and for their friends in the labor movement to ascribe to the CIO all the evils that the open shoppers and the reactionary craft unionists themselves, and they alone, are guilty of.

Thus, the CIO, and the Cannery and Agricultural Federation leaders, in the words of Vandeleur are "fakers," "sellout artists."

If one were to believe the veteran of a thousand betrayals and sellouts, the CIO and the Cannery and Agricultural Federation leaders, and not Vandeleur, are "undemocratic."

Of course, all this can only evoke laughter, when it is considered that the CIO organized and won great gains for hundreds of thousands of auto workers, steel workers, rubber workers, while Vandeleur's prototypes in the AFL leadership attempted to charter company unions in those industries, and in many industries right here in California. Nor can Vandeleur's attempts to belittle the achievements of the Cannery and Agricultural Federation unions, be met with anything but laughter, in view of the fact that the only significant gains in the canneries and the fields have come from those unions.

The Vandeleur attempt to label the CIO as "Communist" is the same old story of red-baiting against anything progressive that comes along. Trade union members are accustomed to expect this from officials like Vandeleur. They do not take red-baiting seriously nowadays, as the recent stinging rebuke to Hutcheson of the Carpenters showed conclusively.

Neither the Girdlers nor the Vandeleurs will halt the onward march of organized labor, under the banner of progressive trade unionism.

Speed the Campaign of International Unity

WITH the Spanish Republic facing the gravest danger of immediate direct intervention by fascist Germany and Italy, the Labor and Socialist International has finally given a partial answer to the appeal of the Communist International.

A meeting between leaders of the two internationals made a small but important start toward an all important task: the creation of a unified international working class campaign against the fascist aggressors. Another meeting is now scheduled.

The quickest possible unity will be none too soon. The overwhelming sentiment against the fascist aggressors in the capitalist democratic countries has been criminally harassed by the false front of "neutrality" assumed by their governments. The British Tories especially are bending every effort to aid Franco, Mussolini and Hitler in every way possible.

American "neutrality" has played directly into the hands of the fascists by its outlawry of the legitimate Spanish government while attaching no penalty to the invaders-in-fact.

A joint appeal from the two internationals and the International Federation of Trade Unions could bring a mass rallying of the anti-fascist forces in every country. The latest, desperate but very real threats of fascism must be answered by an international mobilization of the anti-fascist forces. Immediate response is imperative. The fascists' intent is clear. The answer cannot be delayed.

Organizations! Individuals! Protest now against "neutrality" and demand that an embargo be levied against Italy and Germany. Organize joint action against the aggressors—NOW!

Heading for the Scrap Heap

WITH absolutely no regard for the constitution of the San Diego Labor Council, officials of that body have expelled the Newspaper Guild, on the order of William Green.

This came a week after the filing by the majority of the Council's delegates of the Green telegram which okeed ousting of the Guild, because that organization's convention had affiliated the newspaper workers' union with the CIO. It should be noted that the Guild has neither seceded from the AFL nor has the latter's executive council expelled it from the AFL.

In typical Hitler-like style, the reactionaries and the pseudo-progressive Lydick bloc refused to permit even a vote on the question, for they knew by what had happened the week before that a vote would have thwarted the ousting of the Guild.

Thus we are again shown what section of the labor movement stands for splitting the trade unions. The San Diego expulsion makes it doubly clear that the splitters are and have all along been the reactionary craft union leaders. We see again that the only real road to unity now lies in affiliation with or full support of the CIO and its program of industrial unionism and organization of the unorganized.

Actions like that of the San Diego Council reactionary officials will only result in ultimate and complete isolation of the splitters.

Mexico Welcomes Young Basque Refugees



PRESIDENT CARDENAS of Mexico is shown with the Spanish children whom his government will care for until crushing of the fascist uprising makes their homes safe again. In this country, Tories are attempting to block giving of shelter to 500 little Basque children, for whom homes have been promised by American people.

Red-Baiters: Union-Haters

Touching on Some Important Questions Before San Pedro Trade Unionists and the Small Business Men There

By JACK MOORE
Harbor Section Organizer, Communist Party

On Tuesday morning last week the Hearst "Examiner" of Los Angeles came out with a story headed "UNIONS, MERCHANTS TO FIGHT REDS." The story, in part, said: "Social history was made in Los Angeles Harbor yesterday. The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce and organized labor joined forces to press a drive against radicals and other self-serving agitators posing as unionists. It was the first move of its kind ever recorded in Southern California."

Following the lead of Willie Hearst's scab sheet, the San Pedro "News-Pilot" now under boycott from the maritime unions for its shameless lying about the murder of Bill Gregg, came out on Tuesday afternoon with a story to the following effect: "Determined to rid San Pedro and the port sector of Communists, radicals and undesirable agitators posing as unionists, the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce and organized labor joined forces here yesterday."

"Agreeing that most of the 'unres' in local labor circles, aside from the demands for increased wages and better working conditions and hours, has been caused by radical agitators, Francis Fetzler, secretary of the International Longshoremen's Association, and members of the board of directors of the Chamber at a meeting of the latter, decided to launch a campaign against the radical element and return 'harmony' which once existed among the citizenry of the port."

Lies Out of Whole Cloth
When I approached Brother Fetzler with the clipping containing these stories, he whistled in amazement at their content. Busy at the time, he promised a statement for the Western Worker as soon as he could find time to dictate one.

When the statement was finished, it repudiated the lies of the Examiner and News-Pilot. In effect, Fetzler had stated to the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce that it was his opinion that the unions of San Pedro and the civic organizations, and particularly the Retail Merchants Assn., could cooperate for the common good. To this end he proposed a joint committee of labor representatives and representatives of the Retail Merchants "to work out problems of the future for the benefit of all concerned." There was no mention in the proposal concerning Communists or "radical agitators."

There was repudiation by Fetzler of the actions of some hoodlums who had threatened violence against merchants on the morning of Gregg's funeral. He explained to the businessmen that the unions should not be blamed for the unauthorized actions of "provocateurs, and groups of individuals who refuse to conform to the rulings of the majority."

Communist Party for Peace and Order
We Communists can agree wholeheartedly with the condemnation of provocateurs and irresponsible hoodlums, who bring discredit to the unions by their irresponsible actions.

Furthermore, we believe that the unions and the small business men in San Pedro have much in common and should cooperate politically and economically to their mutual advantage.

It is precisely for this reason that we are advocating the formation of a Farmer-Labor Party in the United States. It is precisely for this reason that we support the California People's Legislative Conference, which reflects the economic and political interests of the unions, farmers, and small businessmen.

But we cannot agree with Brother Fetzler when he says: "I cannot be responsible for mis-statements of certain newspapers not represented at the meeting and will state that only one reporter was present and he represented the Los Angeles Examiner. I cannot understand why a representative of the

Communist Party should interject himself into a plan which I believe is for the promotion of harmonious relations between the Unions and Merchants of this city, who realize that the organization of the workers is necessary for our protection, as well as their own."

Red-baiters are Union-haters
We cannot agree with Brother Fetzler that we have "interjected" the Communist Party into a plan for the promotion of harmonious relations between the unions and merchants. That has not been the purpose nor the effect of this investigation. We have been truly interested in harmony between these groups. And in the interest of harmony, we will fight to prevent any red-baiters such as the Hearst "Examiner" and the "News-Pilot" behind whom loom the powerful reactionary figures of the shipowners and the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, from turning the plan into a drive on the "reds."

Not only are we interested in preventing this, from the standpoint of protecting our Party, its legality, and its standing as a recognized organization of the community; but we are also interested from the standpoint of the unions themselves. For past experience has shown that such attacks on Communists, beginning as a drive to oust "Reds, radicals, and agitators," have always turned into a drive on the trade-unions themselves.

This is the very technique which is being used by the Liberty League and the AFL bureaucracy in the attack on the CIO drive to organize American industry! It is the technique of those forces who labeled Roosevelt a Communist in the last election.

Cooperation for Democracy
If cooperation between the unions and the small business men is to mean anything it must be for the protection of their common interests. But the unions cannot curry favor of Big Business by making a scape-goat of the Communists and other militant minorities in their ranks. Nor can they allow Big Business to get away with red-baiting, because if they allow some workers to be persecuted for their political beliefs, then by that same logic they open the way for all workers to be persecuted for their economic belief and for their organization into trade unions.

And red-baiting is not necessary for cooperation between the small business men and the unions. This is proved by the fact that the secretary in the office of the Chamber of Commerce of San Pedro denied that they had been any red-baiting in the meeting of Monday, June 21. The conclusion that the purpose of the meeting was an attack on the Communists was reached by the local "Examiner" reporter and a certain young reporter on the "News-Pilot," who ordinarily writes for the sports page.

Far from opposing genuine cooperation between the unions and the merchants of San Pedro, the Communist Party has been foremost in advocating such cooperation. Weeks before the last great maritime strike, the Communists made proposals to the unions for such organized cooperation, but were turned down because the men could not see its advantages at that time.

Today we are more than ever in favor of this cooperation. We believe that a joint committee of the unions and the merchants can be of real significance to San Pedro. Even such a small action as a joint delegation to the City Hall protesting against the conditions of police terror in San Pedro has had the healthy effect of putting a damper on illegal police activity.

Why shouldn't this joint action be extended to include questions such as improving the terrible street conditions in the working class sections of San Pedro; establishing a Federal Marine Hospital in San Pedro, the largest port in the United States without one; revising the state and local taxes, to take the burden off the workers and

small business men and put it on big business; guaranteeing the civil rights of unions, and their right to strike and picket; investigating the corruption in the Los Angeles police department; organizing support for the unemployed, who are on the verge of being inhumanly starved to death by the Tories in Congress; organizing support for the President's Supreme Court proposals; organizing the campaign to revise the California State constitution, to provide for a unicameral legislature and thus break the stranglehold which the power trusts and big business have on the State government?

Of such a program, the Communist Party will be the most loyal supporter.

CHALLENGE

To Those Lagging
In W. W. Drive

At the present historic moment, with a great transition period upon us in American labor, with a world war brewing in the Far East and in Spain, where even today fellow workers and Party members from California are fighting a life and death struggle for democracy and against fascism, it becomes increasingly necessary for us to become working class propagandists.

This means, first and foremost, that we must build the circulation of the Western Worker. Therefore, I, being an active non-Communist member many years of the International Labor Defense, consider it my duty to aid the Western Worker Drive in every way I can. Hence this challenge.

I hereby challenge the rest of the slowest Party members of Ala. County in the Western Worker Drive to reach 100 points before they do. Also, to go beyond 100 points farther than any who now have, as I have, 60 points already.

(Signed) PETER BONILLA.

Sunnyvale Bosses Would Fingerprint All Union Leaders

By a Worker Correspondent
SUNNYVALE, Santa Clara County—The un-American cause of compulsory fingerprinting for employer espionage purposes was urged here at a recent joint meeting of the Sunnyvale and Redwood City Lions Clubs.

One Les Jensen of the Berkeley Lions Club, asked the two groups to back the Chamber of Commerce's campaign of nationwide compulsory fingerprinting of employees leaders. Jensen was presented by Maurice Eaton, local constable.

The next move the fascists may make in the direction of fingerprinting, will be watched.

Few U. S. Germans Answer Hitler Call

NEW YORK — All Germans born in 1917 and now living in America have been ordered by the Nazi government to register for compulsory military training in Germany by July 20.

Because thousands of Germans in the U. S. evaded the order last year, the German consulate here announced that those "unable to leave" the United States would be exempt. Only 300 actually answered the call last year along with four or five volunteers.

Transfer Charge to Take Effect July 6

SAN FRANCISCO—Two-cent charge for transfers, granted by the State Railroad Commission, to the Market Street Railway, will go into effect on July 6, it was announced by L. V. Newton, vice-president of the company.

The 'Pride of Spain': The Shock Brigades

By TED ALLAN

MADRID—In Russian they're called Udarniki, in Spanish Brigada Choque, in plain English, shock brigade. Sidney and Beatrice Webb, in their monumental work on the Soviets, describe the Udarniki as follows:

"They work with furious intensity, shaming other workers in the shop into putting more regularity and continuity into their efforts."

Their function in Spain is the same. Whether they are soldiers going into attack or factory workers helping peasants gather the wheat harvest or workers on the railway or in a munitions factory, the term "furious intensity" best describes their actions.

The Pride of Spain

These Brigades Choques are the pride of Spain today. The exigencies caused by the war naturally necessitate super-human efforts on the part of factory workers and peasants to assure that the people and the army get the necessary food and supplies. Shock brigades are proving the answer to the problem.

The most interesting shock brigade is that of city workers formed to help the farm population catch up with reaping, threshing, winnowing. Upon the successful carrying out of this work, not only the prosperity of the field workers is involved, but the welfare of the army and the future of Spain.

A record harvest must be gathered in a record time; therefore the city workers, are responding by forming shock brigades to help the peasants. Groups of mechanics in particular are being formed to take care of agricultural machinery. The Madrid press is full of praise for these brigades of city workers.

Helping the Farmers

I spoke to a group farward bound with laughter on their sun-tanned faces, happy to take a turn at being farmers. One metal worker said proudly: "We are giving up our Sunday holiday to help gather the grain because it will help us win the war."

Commander Lister proudly announced some days ago that his soldiers voted to forego leave and help the peasants instead. The importance of worker brigades for farms is seen not only in their immediate practical results but in the far-reaching social and political effect of this display of solidarity between city and country.

There's also the Ferrocarril Choque, or railway shock brigade. Here also the Spanish workers are showing the world how they will win the war. A new railway line is being built from Valencia to Madrid. More workers were needed. Immediately Madrid workers responded, forming shock brigades and going out on the railway job. The government now predicts the railway will be finished ahead of schedule.

Such is the "furious intensity" of Spain's shock brigades. A worker in a shock brigade leaving for the land said to me: "When we win the war, these shock brigades are going to be the schools whereby our people will build a new Spain."

The Casa de Campo, once King Alfonso's private park, is now crossed by no man's land. On one side are the fascists, on the other, peasants and workers in uniform.

A little bar where the king sipped lemonade—or preferably gipped whisky—is now owned and operated by soldiers. The large fountains and woods where the king took his royal walks are now a football field and supply camouflage for artillery.

The other day I visited the place. Grass, flowers and birds were in sharp contrast to the whine of shells and the stutter of machine guns. Shells whining overhead in the city mingled with the wailing of birds—a fascist symphony. I came to a small, red brick building near the football field and heard the murmur of voices. Looking in, I saw chairs and desks and realized it was being used for a school.

"Fascism Wants Ignorance"

There were crude drawings of animals on the blackboard, with names written underneath. Here, some hundred yards behind the trenches was a school for once illiterate soldiers of the Republican army. A young soldier proudly beckoned me to follow him. He walked into another room where a class was in session. A wall facing the entrance greeted me with these words: "Sin Cultura No Podemos Derrotar al Fascismo"—"Without Culture We Cannot Defeat Fascism." Another sign below stated: "Illiteracy is Ignorance, and Ignorance is What

Fascism Wants Us to Have." On the other walls were cartoons displaying men who couldn't read or write with captions: "Guns Alone Will Not Defeat Fascism; We Need Education."

The teacher was a man of about 40, who used to teach history to college students. He was speaking slowly and simply to his new class room—50 soldiers ranging from 19 years up. Their intense faces as they listened made him smile from time to time. You could see he loved and regarded them as he would children.

One wiry-looking peasant with brown, leathery skin, got up, went to the blackboard and laboriously wrote "Rata"—rat. Looking proudly at his fellows, he then opened a little book with pictures and began reading names of animals: perro, dog; gato, cat. His classmates grinned broadly. Here was achievement. Before he couldn't read or write one word. Now he could read the names of animals.

Their simple, honest faces lit up as the peasant continued. Then with a flourish he turned to the blackboard and beside "rata" he wrote "Fascists." The class applauded. Grinning like a school boy, he went to his seat. He was actually blushing, but anyone could see it was the proudest moment of his life.

'PETE' FREED BUT NOT MEN LIKE MOONEY

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO — I see where "Telephone Pete McDonough" has been released from our city jail. Most people in San Francisco were very much surprised when "Pete" was arrested, and no one was surprised when he walked out of jail a free man.

You see, men like Pete McDonough and his kind, never stay long in jail, no matter what their crime may be, so long as they don't offend the powers that be.

Only men like Tom Mooney, who espouse the cause of labor and humanity, stay in jail. There is no justice in California for men who ask the right to earn a decent living.

Unity Achieved by New Zealand Labor

WELLINGTON, New Zealand—The most important step forward in the history of the trade union movement in New Zealand was taken when over 300 delegates, representing the various trade unions in New Zealand gave their unanimous decision to form one national federation of trade unions in New Zealand, which shall be known as the "New Zealand Federation of Labor."

Soon after the congress began it was very evident that the rank and file delegates were determined to achieve unity and were likewise determined to remove any disrupters from holding official positions.

Achievement of unity followed a period of bitter rivalry and hostility between various national union leaders and between three national trade union organizations.

Puerto Ricans, Jailed At Atlanta, Denied Spanish Newspapers

NEW YORK — Puerto Rican nationalist prisoners at Atlanta penitentiary, including the Nationalist leader Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos, are denied the right to receive newspapers printed in Spanish—the only language that four of the seven can read.

This was disclosed by Gilberto Concepcion, chief of defense counsel for the political prisoners, who visited Dr. Campos in Atlanta and talked with the warden of the penitentiary. Even when the thirty day quarantine period is up, it was disclosed, the prisoners will be allowed to receive visits only from relatives—twice a month for half hour periods. Their correspondence will be limited to one letter a week to seven specified people, the seven to be designated in advance.

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400 AUTO MECHANICS ARE FIRM IN STRIKE AGAINST LONG BEACH CAR DEALERS

Pickets Say They'll Fight Longer Than
Longshoremen Did, If Necessary to
Win Their Basic Demands

By a Worker Correspondent
LONG BEACH—Four hundred mechanics are engaged in strike action against 21 new car dealers. The strike that has been in progress since June 17, reached its highest point on Monday, June 21, when over 200 mechanics assembled at the Labor Temple to hear a report from their business agent on the progress of his attempt to negotiate with the dealers.

CONDITIONS OF TULARE COUNTY FIELD WORKERS

Rich Growers, Banks
Live Off Workers,
Poor Farmers

By a Farmer
TULARE COUNTY—Millions of dollars for the financiers, scab farmers, Associated Farmer stooges and political bootlickers in Tulare County—but not a cent for relief and hardly more for wages.

"Give us the profits—to hell with the people"—that is the slogan of the Tulare County financiers and the Associated Farmer crew in general.

This is a good year for the profiteers who bow the head to Baal and lick the feet of Mammonism in California, who will do and have done anything, no matter how dirty—lie, steal, doublecross or murder.

Now the question is, will the laborers get their share of the profit made in agriculture this year? Not if the Associated Farmers and all their scabs can prevent it. The farm laborers will never get their share of the profits unless they fight for it.

The average farmer is not an owner. He is only a tenant financed by bankers as a sucker who has let a bank stick him on a farm he is paying for on installments. So the finance company drives him to drive the worker, and sometimes he is misled enough to do it.

The great industrial farmers, the Associated Farmers and their gunmen, police and militia, crooked courts, lying editors, and yellow scabs, stool-pigeons and double-crossers, are all bent on one purpose—to scare, starve and beat the farm laborer until he accepts the miserable wages and conditions.

Tulare County Conditions
Tulare County is one of the festering sores of this awful disease which is making justice, equality and human rights a joke. Alfred Elliot, Vale, Jan Ellidge, the Pixley murder of the 1933 cotton strike—all these are part of the awful crowd who make Tulare County a hell for the worker.

Tulare County is putting on a nice front, but look in the transient camps, relief depots, T. B. sanitariums, and at the reports of deaths from flu, T. B., malnutrition, and see the terrible foundation of misery and death the "prosperity" of Tulare County is built up.

Think of the Pixley massacre, the martyr Davila, and the blood-stained streets of Pixley when the cotton strike occurred. The workers should honor the grave of Davila.

Then organize the agricultural workers into unions, and organize and win the support of the small farmers for the unions.

S.F. Hospital Union On Wrong Track

By a Hospital Worker
SAN FRANCISCO—Some two or three years ago a union was started by a group of employees at a local hospital. It started out to be a good organization, but it has now reached a point where it is now corrupt and under the thumb of a "labor faker" who some say would sell his grandmother if the price was right.

Things went on and on, and between absconding secretaries and political maneuvering on the part of some of the officials of this union (Hospital and Institutional Workers Union), a great many bills were incurred, and it was only then that the other hospitals of this city were contacted and stewards appointed to organize these outside hospitals.

Maybe out of the goodness of their hearts, they wanted to help them, but then again those confounded bills were bothering them. Sometimes I think that if and when the bills in question are settled, that the poor workers will be left holding an empty sack, or maybe they will be just sold down the river.

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Now the question is, will the laborers get their share of the profit made in agriculture this year? Not if the Associated Farmers and all their scabs can prevent it. The farm laborers will never get their share of the profits unless they fight for it.

The average farmer is not an owner. He is only a tenant financed by bankers as a sucker who has let a bank stick him on a farm he is paying for on installments. So the finance company drives him to drive the worker, and sometimes he is misled enough to do it.

The great industrial farmers, the Associated Farmers and their gunmen, police and militia, crooked courts, lying editors, and yellow scabs, stool-pigeons and double-crossers, are all bent on one purpose—to scare, starve and beat the farm laborer until he accepts the miserable wages and conditions.

Tulare County Conditions
Tulare County is one of the festering sores of this awful disease which is making justice, equality and human rights a joke. Alfred Elliot, Vale, Jan Ellidge, the Pixley murder of the 1933 cotton strike—all these are part of the awful crowd who make Tulare County a hell for the worker.

Tulare County is putting on a nice front, but look in the transient camps, relief depots, T. B. sanitariums, and at the reports of deaths from flu, T. B., malnutrition, and see the terrible foundation of misery and death the "prosperity" of Tulare County is built up.

Think of the Pixley massacre, the martyr Davila, and the blood-stained streets of Pixley when the cotton strike occurred. The workers should honor the grave of Davila.

Then organize the agricultural workers into unions, and organize and win the support of the small farmers for the unions.

S.F. Hospital Union On Wrong Track

By a Hospital Worker
SAN FRANCISCO—Some two or three years ago a union was started by a group of employees at a local hospital. It started out to be a good organization, but it has now reached a point where it is now corrupt and under the thumb of a "labor faker" who some say would sell his grandmother if the price was right.

Things went on and on, and between absconding secretaries and political maneuvering on the part of some of the officials of this union (Hospital and Institutional Workers Union), a great many bills were incurred, and it was only then that the other hospitals of this city were contacted and stewards appointed to organize these outside hospitals.

Maybe out of the goodness of their hearts, they wanted to help them, but then again those confounded bills were bothering them. Sometimes I think that if and when the bills in question are settled, that the poor workers will be left holding an empty sack, or maybe they will be just sold down the river.

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

VANDELEUR SPONSORS UNION OF
SCABS IN HAYWARD—SONOMA'S
FARMERS, LABOR NEED UNITY.

The Nazi Murderers Attack



A WORKING CLASS residential section of Barcelona, Spain's great industrial city, after seven Nazi planes had unleashed horrible attack on non-combatants.

CIO Union Sentiment Strong in Tuolumne

By a Lumber Worker
JAMESTOWN, Tuolumne County—Just returned from a trip to the woods in search of a job which would pay me the maximum of reimbursement with the minimum of hardships, but I did not find it.

I went up to work in the woods for a contractor who is getting out logs for the Pickering Lumber Co. at Standard, hauling them down by truck and dumping them in the pond for use when the mill starts. He has a crew of Oklahoma expatriates who have been forced into to most any kind of conditions, it seems.

15 Hours for \$5!
There was a newly-married bride for a cook, who has apparently just bought a cook book and has very bad eyesight. She seems to get the ingredients mixed in some of her concoctions. However, the poor grub was only one grievance.

The tractor man arose at 3:30 a. m. and commenced to work at 4. He was told to call me, so I was supposed to work from 4 a. m. to 9 p. m. with two hours off for dinner and supper—a total of 15 hours I was supposed to work for \$5 per diem, on beans, macaroni, corn pone and spuds with perhaps a little dish of pudding or prunes thrown in for desert.

Tough Work
The boss had a great habit of sitting down and eating the man's desert next to him—a royal prerogative. I suppose a college graduate who imagines that he learned it all in college, a terrible misconception in his case.

They are dragging logs in with a 60 H. P. tractor and loading them by means of a gin pole by hooking the tractor onto a cable and backing up for motive power.

Bunyan Couldn't Do It
I was supposed to buck logs with a six-foot saw after they had been dragged through mud and dust, which is bound to adhere to the bark or get into the little fissures and chinks, dulling the saw by being dragged into the cut.

Let any man who ever pulled through a log tell you how and what kind of hard work it is to pull a dull saw through a log, which had drag teeth. Paul Bunyan himself could not keep it up.

There was no bunk house. We must needs sleep out in the woods like wild animals, with no shower bath to wash off the dirt which had accumulated on our bodies during the day. Our work called for continually working in a cloud of impenetrable dust, so you can have some idea how dirty we were when night finally came around, also what hardship it was to endure lack of a shower bath after three or four days of working.

Press Lies About CIO
This Tuolumne situation has tried to do in his coal mines at Trinidad, Colorado, but things are different now. He will find it he expects to make china, he will have to recognize labor's right to organize and right to a decent living standard.

The secretary of Local 113, along with other members of the union, told me that they were able and expected to maintain the picket line until the situation was favorably cleared up.

May labor and the public give these men and women their sincere support.

Rubber Is Organizing in L. A.

VIGILANTES ARE FARMING THE FARMER

Farmer Urges Unity
Between Farmers
And Labor

By a Farmer
PETALUMA, Sonoma County—Those farmers who allow themselves to become involved in the activities of such groups as the vigilantes or the Associated Farmers, are more to be pitied than hated—pitied because of the shallow narrow-minded viewpoint which a person must have in order to fail to see how these groups are helping to farm the farmer.

These groups, which so viciously oppose the organization of agricultural workers to demand a living wage, which will be spent almost wholly for food which the farmer raises, are at the same time the most ardent supporters of the institutions which so freely and robbing the farmer this past period, and which are still farming (robbing) the farmer.

They Were Silent Against Real Enemies of Farmers
Not once have these people, who were and are so ready to smash a pick handle over the heads of workers demanding enough wages to be able to buy eggs and milk, proposed any effective opposition or action against the raising of chick mash price to \$2.85, or of egg mash, or of the breaking of the poultry market down to 15 cents per pound, or of 18 cent eggs, or against exorbitant rates of the Pacific Gas & Electric on farm gas and electricity, or against railroad rates which help result in apples which sell in New York for five cents each, costing the orchardist who raised them, red ink.

They preach a credo of HATE against the people, upon whom in the final analysis the farmer must rely to consume the farm product.

Farmers and Labor Must Cooperate
Hate of labor by the farmer can only tend towards one result—hate in retaliation. If Sonoma County's farmers allow themselves to be represented by such organizations expressing hatred of California's labor, the practical result will necessarily be a preference for farm produce from other areas by the consuming public.

Close cooperation between the farmer and the worker, better wages and working conditions in the fields as well as factories, and mutual opposition to the economic royalists who fatten off the misery of the worker and the poverty of the farmer—this, and this only, is the path which will lead us out of our present economic stalemate.

Majority for Labor
I see by tonight's "Stockton Record," that the meeting called to form the Westside Lumber Company's employees' association of the AFL had been postponed until the following night, due to crossed wires. The "Jamestown Enterprise," a paper printed in Oakdale, an American Legion-dominated town, has noted with a blurb against the CIO with a hint of vigilante action. How a man who does not even live in this county can presume to dictate the policies of this county is extraordinarily brassy, but it is only a reflection of the fascist-minded people who control Oakdale. Fascism is in very embryonic form here.

Of course, we have our proportion of people who yearn to show the exploiting class how loyal they are, but they are in the minority.

There was an amusing thing happened when the CIO held its meeting in Tuolumne. They went down to the park after they were denied the hall, the speakers, head liners and all the lower brackets have been raised, but they omitted to raise the donkey jammers and cat skippers, who got 80 cents and 60 cents, respectively. A mass delegation of cat skippers and donkey jammers went over to Supt. Hanlon and asked why they had not been raised.

Pay Raise Caused By CIO
A raise of wages has gone into effect in the Westside Lumber Co. in the woods, but I don't know about the plant. Choker setters, chasers, hook tenders, head liners and all the lower brackets have been raised, but they omitted to raise the donkey jammers and cat skippers, who got 80 cents and 60 cents, respectively. A mass delegation of cat skippers and donkey jammers went over to Supt. Hanlon and asked why they had not been raised.

Still Trying for Co. Union
This has been put in effect to forestall the CIO in their attempt to drive away their attempts to create a company union have been a failure. Also, their AFL union plans have fallen through. Still they have not given up the idea of creating a company union, but are using all kinds of pressure on the men to force them to join it, as the instance I will cite will prove.

Hanlon came up to Dockery, a steam saw operator, to ask him to join the union, and Dockery, who was already in the CIO, replied that he would not join the company union. Hanlon left and returned with Heady (the camp boss) and both of them tried to pressure him into the union. Dockery asked them what they were trying to do, "force me into the company union," and quit.

CIO Sentiment Strong
They got three signers for a company union in Camp 40 and at last reports, about 50 in the town of Tuolumne.

"The Stockton Record" reporter in Tuolumne is printing all sorts of company-fostered lies. He sent in a story about 400 or 450 men in Tuolumne wishing to join the AFL and repudiating the CIO, but it only represented wishful thinking on his and the company's part. The CIO could call for an election tomorrow and win it.

SET JULY TENTH NEW DEADLINE FOR CONTEST

Deadline in the Worker Correspondents' Contest, for the best letter describing personal experiences in the Western Worker Circulation Drive, has been postponed to July 10th! Get YOUR entry in today in the competition for a genuinely valuable prize, the winner's choice of the following workers' books:
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13-YEAR-OLD INTERVIEWS COUNCILMAN

Puts City Father On
Spot About L. A.
Playgrounds

(13-Year-Old Correspondent)
LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles staff of the Western Worker suggested I interview Councilman Hyde, and ask him about the playgrounds in Hollywood. A friend of mine accompanied me, and her dad took us to Hyde's house, way up in the hills of Hollywood.

We found his house with a little difficulty and met him just as he was coming from somewhere.

Hyde Reactionary
He was awfully nice to us and asked us to please be seated. He showed us a nice hammock and then drew up a chair and asked us to please state our business.

I will say right here that we misrepresented. We said we were from a school paper. It was not a lie, I am. Someone had told us beforehand that Hyde was an awful reactionary, so we thought we would learn more if we said we were from a school paper.

When we told him, he brightened up considerably and said to "shoot ahead."

First we asked him what he was going to do about the playgrounds in Hollywood.

"Already Done"
He said: "We've already done it. We are cooperating with the Board of Education and there will be several schoolgrounds open during the summer." Among them he named Micheltorena, Virgil Junior High, and Vine St. School.

Councilman Hyde says: "The biggest job is done now. That is providing playground facilities for the more unfortunate children of Hollywood. We are, I might add, the best district, in that respect in Los Angeles and county."

Hemmed and Hawed
When asked what he would do in the Council about the playgrounds, he hemmed and hawed, and finally said that "the biggest thing I can do is to provide the playground facilities I have already mentioned."

The next question was: "Do you think students should have freedom of speech, and be able to call meetings on the campus?"

More hemming and hawing and then, in a thoughtful voice:

For Free Speech
"I don't see how they could do any harm. I believe in democracy to the last ditch. I believe students should be allowed to do some of the things I was deprived of doing in my youth."

"I am particularly interested in the student problem because I was once a professor in U.C. L.A."

Then he went on to tell us that he had been a mining engineer, that he had made and lost money, and that his newest hobby was music. He said he had written two Hollywood songs and was writing more.

This concluded the interview. He showed us around his home, formerly Janet Gaynor's, and we finally departed, quite a bit more educated.

VANDELEUR IS FINK SPONSOR IN HAYWOOD

AFL 'Head' Installs
'Union' of Scabs
In Canneries

By a Worker Correspondent
HAYWARD, Alameda County—The developments in the Hayward cannery situation got off to an early start last week with a meeting of the fink union Sunday morning, at 10 in the Bret Harte School—and an election of officials of the fink union Tuesday in a game at A and Myrtle Sts.

AFL Labor Fakery
Before the meeting opened Sunday morning, three members of the Cannery Workers Union (bona fide) cowed the entire assortment of scabs by walking boldly into their meeting and challenging them with questions. Spotting the unmistakable form of a labor faker, the committee approached him.

"Are you Watson?" the committee spokesman asked.
"No, I'm Vandeleur," With him was Real Vandeleur's misleader. The committee asked several pointed questions and Vandeleur's strong-arm gang of plainclothesmen ejected them from the hall.

Rad-baiting Started Meeting
The meeting was almost entirely scabs from California Cannery Co., with only a few confused workers from Hunt's Cannery.

In the closed meeting, the first words out of Vandeleur's mouth were red-baiting:
"If there are any Communists in your union, you can kick them out. If there is anyone you don't want in your union, you can kick them out. If there is anyone you don't like in your meeting, you can kick them out." Applause from the scabs.

Vandeleur Lied
Vandeleur lied and made misstatements from beginning to end, all of which was applauded and cheered by this choice gathering of scabs.

His instructions for strikes are revealing indeed. Any intention or reason for striking must first be put in the hands of Real. If he can't straighten it out, it goes into the hands of Vandeleur. With this failure it goes to Washington. This policy of "thou shalt not strike," met naturally with the approval and prolonged ovation of the scabs.

"Patriotism is Last Refuge of a Scoundrel"

Mr. Vandeleur raved and stormed about Americanism and Patriotism. Incidentally, buttons of the fink union are red, white and blue. Said Mr. Vandeleur: "First we had the IWW's to fight, next the Communists." He insinuated that the CIO was the third "offender." And again:

"They offered me police protection to come out here, but I refused." This in face of the fact that his bodyguard of plainclothesmen was very much in evidence, and only a short while before had before the eyes of the meeting thrown out three cannery workers.

An Election of Scabs
The meeting was wound up with nomination of officers in an extremely disorderly fashion.

The elections held Tuesday of last week, covering jurisdiction in five canneries—California Cannery, Hunt's, Pierce's and Booth's—was completely dominated and almost entirely patronized by the fink scabs from the Pickle Works. This was evidenced by the results which showed that with only one exception, the elected officials of the fink union were from the California Cannery Co.

City Officials are Co. Men
The election was held in a Hayward voting poll, with Old Glory waving in the breeze to indicate the place, causing many townspeople to scratch their heads and try to dope out what elections the city was holding now.

The connection is not so difficult to understand when it becomes known that Macabee, executive of Hunt Bros., is a city councilman, and Mayor Manter is the fruit buyer for the same firm.

San Jose Culinary Union Makes Gains

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN JOSE—Approximately 50 persons have joined for the first time or have been reinstated in the Bartenders, Cooks and Waiters Union since June 1. Al Grider and Harry Hays, union officials announced.

Restaurants which recently signed agreements with the union include the Oyster Loaf, Louis' Grill and the two Park Cafes.

Union Grows Strong

By a Rubber Worker
LOS ANGELES—Rubber is rapidly being organized here. The U. S. Tire and Rubber Company is already organized 98 per cent and the Goodrich Rubber Company is organized well over 50 per cent.

Goodyear, which just set its local up at the beginning of May, has already signed in more than one third of the workers on the payroll, in the face of threatened layoffs and the company inspired "Independent Group."

A similar condition exists at Firestone, in which a group of "Independents" (really company stooges) have, through a ballyhoo of scareheads, scared a number of workers into keeping out of the United Rubber Workers of America, CIO, and have even gotten a number of them into their own group.

Organizing Many Plants
All through L. A. County, far up as Frisco, George Roberts, progressive organizer from Akron, has started local in the various rubber plants in this area. To fully appreciate what this means, we must remember that L. A. today ranks second to Akron, Ohio, in production of rubber articles.

To get back to the Goodyear situation and to show just how necessary national organization is for any industry; the management has suddenly decided without any reference to the workers wishes, to close down its entire textile section of its plant.

Co. "Excuse"
For this move, which will throw four to five hundred men and women out of work, management has but one excuse to offer and that is, that finish cotton cord and fabric used in the manufacture of tires, can't be shipped up from the South cheaper than it can be produced here.

In other words, the management is placing the issue of a few cents more profit per tire above the need of their workers for steady work. Such a policy is clear cut proof that if only way workers can force management to level off work so they can work all year around, is by organizing a plants within an industry and it will be a crushing blow against the advocates of independent unionism when the workers fully understand this.

The men now have their answer to the question: "What do I care about the conditions of the men in the South or the men who might be making less money than I am?" For as long as industry can split labor on such an issue, it will very rapidly turn to using lower priced labor even though it may have to build new plants where cheaper labor is available. This is the very reason why the few who control the current wealth of this country are always dividing labor by attempting to make one group believe they are superior to another group, and therefore this other group "naturally" should not expect to be paid as much as themselves.

However, Goodyear workers are rapidly becoming aware of this and heartily applauded the sentiment expressed in the constitution of the URWA on no discrimination against race, color, or creed.

A resolution was unanimously passed condemning closing the cotton mill and that we send copies of this resolution to Senators Johnson and McAdoo.

Also John D. House, President of Goodyear local No. 2 in Akron, was notified and in his reply, stated he felt that in the near future all locals in the Goodyear plants in the U. S. and Canada would be so connected that it would be impossible for the management to get one group of Goodyear workers in one part of the country to scab on their brothers and sisters in other plants.

And as a final convincing proof of the effectiveness and need for national organization, the 100 per cent organized locals in the Cal. plants of the Willys Overland and General Motors Automobile Co. pledge their support to that if necessary, they would refuse to place on the year Cal. plant, if this plant should be won by the "Independents" in the election which the HRWA local has called for from the National Labor Relations Board.

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Congress Must Not Ignore Obligation!

PROGRESSIVES ASK ACTION IN THIS SESSION

Oppose Adjournment Until Important Tasks Done

WASHINGTON — "Congress Cannot Adjourn Its Obligations," declared a statement scheduled for presentation to President Roosevelt at his Jefferson Island Party by the liberal Democratic group in congress. The statement demanded action on pressing social issues which reactionary interests are seeking to let pass.

Minimum wage legislation, housing laws and a solution of the problem of farm tenancy were demanded in the declaration which carried the signatures of 17 members of the House of Representatives on behalf of a committee of 123 leading Democrats.

Pointing out that the seventy-fifth congress is predominantly Democratic, the statement pointed out that its duty is "to stay in Washington until congress has passed a full program of progressive legislation calculated to give America not merely temporary recovery but to provide a firm basis for the permanent solution of her problems."

Progressive Mandate.—The American people in three national elections, it continued, have decisively indicated their desire to go forward. In opposition to this, "powerful interests are carrying on a propaganda of great intensity to get the congress adjourned quickly without enacting legislation to which every Democrat is committed."

The statement then listed a minimum legislative program for urgent consideration at this session, as follows:

1. Federal minimum wage and maximum hours law.
2. As a necessary companion measure to the wages and hour bill, the following measures for agriculture:

Help for Agriculture
a. Indefinite extension of the 3 1/2% interest rate on farm loans and mortgages.
b. Legislation assuring the farmer the cost of production plus a fair profit.

c. Legislation which will at least provide a sound attack in solving the problem of farm tenancy.

3. A large-scale, national program of slum clearance and low cost housing.

4. Constructive amendments to the social security act, to broaden its scope and especially to liberalize its old-age pension provisions.

5. The President's suggested measure setting up eight regional authorities to plan and control the conservation and development of our natural resources in the public interest.

Control of Banking
6. Government ownership of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks.
7. Adequate protection against floods to the people of the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys and other chronically flooded areas.

8. Legislation to advance the decennial census to 1938 and to provide that the census include definite data of employment and unemployment, in addition to a factual survey and study of unemployment in the United States with a report to congress as a basis for future legislation.

9. Passage of the most essential features of the President's plan for reorganization of the executive department.

Support Court Bill
The signers added that they support the President's proposal for judicial reform.

Signers of the statement were: Michael J. Bradley, Robert G. Allen and Charles Eckert, Pennsylvania; Charles P. Levy, Knute Hill and John M. Coffey, Washington; Maury Maverick and W. D. McFarlane of Texas; Charles J. Golden, Jerry Voorhis and Ed Izac, California; Keller and Frank W. Preis, Illinois; Sam Nasingale, Oklahoma; Herbert S. Bigelow, Ohio; Joan Lueck, Michigan; and Otha D. Wearin, Iowa.

Equity Condemns Project Layoffs

LOS ANGELES — "Chaos, heartaches, and misery," are resulting from the mass layoffs on Federal cultural projects, declared T. A. Horton, paymaster for the Writers, Art, and Music projects in a telegram to President Roosevelt.

Close to five hundred workers on the projects will have been dismissed by July 15, estimates reveal.

In a meeting of members of Actors Equity Association, Thursday night, a resolution protesting and condemning the dismissal of workers from the Theater project was unanimously passed.

Mellon and Sloan Evade Payment of Full Income Taxes

WASHINGTON — Treasury department spokesmen told the joint congressional tax investigation committee that Andrew W. Mellon, aluminum trust head and former secretary of the treasury, and Alfred P. Sloan, chairman of General Motors Corporation, were among dozens of wealthy Americans who formed personal holding companies to reduce their income tax payments.

Among other prominent people named were Thomas W. Lamont, John J. Raskob, several of the duPont family and Roy W. Howard.

Queen Helen Gets Off at \$10 for a Drinking Charge

LONG BEACH — "Queen Helen" Werner, who recently "beat the rap" when she and her husband were acquitted of bribery charges in issuance of State liquor permits, again "beat the rap" when she forfeited bond and failed to appear on charge of being drunk here.

The former Queen of Los Angeles politics evaded a trial on the charge and only lost \$10, the modest bond set by the complacent Judge. This liberality is in strong contrast to the stiff sentences handed out to union men brought in on common drunk charges. One Judge specializes in 180 day-sentences, thus furnishing the city's prison camps with cheap labor.

Erwin P. Werner, former Los Angeles City Attorney, and "Queen" Helen's husband, strongly upheld Law'n Order in a statement he gave the press: "Mrs. Werner was not drunk," he said, referring to her arrest where she lay on the lawn of a Belmont Shore home here.

"But there is a question of whether it is worth all the fuss and bother of fighting it out. It would just make her more nervous and excited. We could go to court, ask that the forfeiture be set aside, enter a plea of not guilty and fight the charges. Whether we do that is up to Mrs. Werner." He added, that Mrs. Werner might "let it ride at that."

Bank Clerks to Vote On Joining C. I. O.

SAN FRANCISCO — The Bank and Insurance and Office Employees Union, local 20,725, will conduct a referendum, the week of July 6-13, on affiliation with the CIO.

The CIO United Office Workers Union here has recruited about 100 members in the Home Owners Loan Corp. offices.

Unicameral Legislature
Drawing proper conclusions from the experience of work already done, the convention instructed its incoming executive board to organize a mass campaign for an initiative measure establishing a unicameral legislature.

It endorsed the work of Labor's Non-Partisan League and authorized its officers to affiliate to that organization as soon as arrangements can be made.

It recognized the need for a much broader movement in California, a movement which would embrace under conscious progressive influence, all the tremendous majority who voted for Roosevelt last fall as a means of expressing their mandate for extended social and labor legislation. To this end it passed a resolution favoring the formation of a broad federation of labor and progressive groups of

California. It not only pledged itself to support such a federation, but assumed the task of encouraging its formation through holding a plebiscite among all possible unions and progressive organizations to get an expression of sentiment on the question: "Does your organization favor the formation of a labor-progressive federation to prepare for the 1938 state elections?"

Already in Action
The work already done by the Conference had laid an excellent basis for its work at Santa Maria and for the work which it has outlined for the future. It had come into existence only at the start of the state legislative session last January. At its foundation it represented a strong nucleus of the progressive trade union movement together with a group of progressive political and other organizations. It assumed the task of conducting a lobby at Sacramento around a program in the interest of labor, the small farmer and small business and professional people.

There was nothing in its concrete program that was not contained in broader outline in the mandate given by the voters at the polls November 3. But the fight for this program when it was actually organized showed with greater clarity than ever before that an aroused electorate is necessary for its adoption.

Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson, who was given a rousing ovation at the convention, declared that in spite of the vote of last November, the past session had perhaps the lowest moral tone of any of the past three sessions since he has been an assemblyman. This was expressed in the intensive activity of the powerful lobbies of the Standard Oil Company, the power interests and the railroads who combine to support each other and who are continually "entertaining" the legislators. In fact this in-

tense activity of the lobbyists broke out into open scandal near the close of the session when one assemblyman was indicted for offering a bribe to another. It is notorious that the Welch Bill out of which the bribery grew was a measure to enrich the Standard Oil Company by some four million dollars.

ADD Calif Independent P6 ce5
Aside from the evident corruption which gained a new high through increased activities of the lobbies, the session was noteworthy for its bringing into sharp relief the reactionary role played by the senate. When the assembly passed the Vorty Little Wagner Act in spite of the lobbies' activity in the assembly, it was vetoed by the senate. The senate played a similar role in the case of several other labor bills. In its own right it spawned a series of "voluntary arbitration bills" which the assembly managed to stop.

In short, the real conflict between the assembly elected on the basis of population and the senate elected on the basis of territory emerged in bold relief. It was clear also that this conflict is bound to increase as the organized insistence of the voters in the heavily populated areas reaches the assemblymen with greater force.

It is clear that the campaign for an initiative measure to establish a uni-cameral (one-house) legislature will gather a tremendous response in California.

Broader Unity
The action of the convention in moving to promote a broader federation of labor and progressive organizations represented a thoroughly realistic approach. The tremendous organizing drive on a nation-wide scale, and the steel and other strikes which have grown out of them, has brought labor face to face with local entrenched in state and local governments. It has brought the counter action of labor in

AFL PROTESTS DELAYING OF HOUSING BILL

Hearings Completed; Committee Does Not Report

WASHINGTON — "Strong and vehement protest at the inexcusable delay in the enactment of the Wagner-Steagall low rent housing bill" was voiced by Pres. Wm. Green, of the American Federation of Labor in a formal statement here.

"Labor wants to know what has happened to this bill," Green said. "Hearings were held by the Senate committee on education and labor long ago. At these hearings representatives of labor, of consumers, of social and welfare organizations, of religious groups of all denominations, of housing authorities and local governments, of the administrative agencies of the federal government, all spoke as one in support of this measure and presented an accumulation of unsatisfactory evidence that the U. S. Housing Bill of 1937 represents the most practicable, most sound and most economical program of housing for low income groups yet devised."

Machinery Stopped
"The hearings were completed and there the legislative machinery stopped. There has been no committee report, no hearings have been scheduled in the house and there is no immediate promise of action."

"Congress is pulling into the home stretch. Yet most of the major legislation before it has been barely touched. The housing bill must not be permitted to be caught in the last minute legislative jam. A further 'delay' on the housing bill will inevitably have to be given an uglier name—particularly if it results in no legislation this year."

Treasury Objections
Principal barriers in the path of the bill are objections by the Secretary of the Treasury to its financial provisions, according to information here. At present the bill provides for loans to local housing authorities to assist in the financing of projects. In addition it provides for annual contributions towards rentals to bring the housing within the reach of low income groups.

Morgenthau is said to favor substituting outright cash grants to cover part of the original cost of the housing projects for the annual contribution as provided at present.

"Labor has worked on this measure from its earliest stages more than two years ago," Green said. "Its support reflects a basic and vital need for low rent housing on the part of workers everywhere."

Bill a Hitler Tactic
Miss Richie quotes from the minority report of Senators Nye and Lundeen on the bill: "All statutes standing in the way of wartime procurement are to go. I take it this may mean the National Labor Relations Board act and state minimum wage and hours laws. Under the really determined executive, every labor union in the nation could be broken up, exactly as Hitler has done."

On the other hand, Miss Richie continues: "Neither the Senate nor the House bill makes a real attempt to tax war profits. The House bill instructs the Secretary of the Treasury to bring in a taxation bill after war has broken out. This was the procedure followed during the last war and the result was 21,000 new millionaires."

Fascist Purpose Hidden
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Peace League in Attack on War Mobilizing Bill

LOS ANGELES — "To establish a military dictatorship in time of war" is a just heading for the vicious Sheppard-Hill bill before Congress according to Miss Amelia Richie, chairman of the Labor Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Speaking for her organization, Miss Richie urged that trade unionists and progressives write to their congressmen at once as the bill will come out on the floor of both houses in the very near future. While the House committee in reporting out the bill has removed some of its most flagrant features, the Senate committee has changed very little the fascist content introduced by Senator Sheppard of Texas.

Bill a Hitler Tactic
Miss Richie quotes from the minority report of Senators Nye and Lundeen on the bill: "All statutes standing in the way of wartime procurement are to go. I take it this may mean the National Labor Relations Board act and state minimum wage and hours laws. Under the really determined executive, every labor union in the nation could be broken up, exactly as Hitler has done."

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PUBLIC HELPS ALAMEDA CO. AID TO SPAIN

City Councils Asked To Reverse Stand On Collection

OAKLAND — With a growing public sentiment in support of its request, the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy will go to Oakland and Berkeley city authorities to insist on permission for regular collection of funds for Spain.

Despite the run around and confusion engendered by "refusing" permission for collections during Spanish Aid Week, the committee turned in \$511.24 for the week, of which the Communist Party collected \$240 by its own direct efforts.

Usurped Authority
When permission was first asked of Berkeley City Manager Hollis Thompson he referred the committee to the city council. By vote of 7 to 2 the "permit" was denied, although the city laws do not give the council power to grant or deny such permission. Two councilmen, Walter Mork and Frank Gaines, firmly upheld the right to make the collections.

Reactionary councilmen argued that permission should not be granted because the committee was "partial." Instead they favored leaving collections to the Red Cross, which has already been exposed as giving most of its funds to the fascists in Spain.

Flood of Letters
The Berkeley Gazette was soon flooded with letters denouncing the council's stand and requesting that permission be granted. Instead City Manager Thompson proposed an ordinance giving sweeping power to the Commissioner of Public Charities to deny such authorization.

Again Councilmen Mork and Gaines opposed this reactionary stand and the ordinance was delayed to Tuesday, June 29, when the committee will appear before it. It will show, along with its defense of the right to collect funds for the legitimate Spanish government, that the North American committee's collections have been approved by the state department after protests deluged Secretary Hull for his attempt to refuse approval.

Seek Year's Permit
In Oakland the permission to collect funds was denied by the council by a four to three vote. Nevertheless, police did not dare to molest the collectors when they went about the streets with their appeals. Now the committee will apply again for permission to collect funds, this time asking for a year's permit.

Dr. S. Caesar Ortega heads the Alameda County Provisional Committee of the North American Committee. He is at the same time a member of the state executive body of the North American Committee.

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Nuisance Tax is Continued for 2 Years by Senate

WASHINGTON — Senator LaFollette's amendment to the "nuisance tax" bill was defeated upon reconsideration by the senate, and the tax bill was voted two years' continuation. It had already been approved by the house.

LaFollette's proposal would have increased surtaxes on incomes above \$6000 a year.

The "nuisance tax" placed directly on the consumer on articles in general use, brings in some \$650,000,000 a year.

Hughes' Partner Is Revealed as Evader of Taxes

WASHINGTON — Richard E. Dwight, former law partner of Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., was revealed by treasury officials as having obtained a \$53,488 tax reduction in 1932 by a transaction with a foreign insurance company which was "all pure fiction."

Dwight's income over a four-year period was \$599,000, but during this period he paid taxes on only \$300, it was revealed. He was a member of the firm of Hughes, Schurman and Dwight of New York. This firm was hastily dissolved on June 10 after the announcement by President Roosevelt that tax evaders would be exposed. Before Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Charles Evans Hughes Sr. was a member of it.

Assistant Chief Counsel Mason B. Leming of the treasury department explained to the joint House-Senate Committee the transaction between Dwight and the "Standard Life Insurance Company, Inc." of Nassau, Bahamas Islands.

He said that Dwight obtained a loan of \$2,832,000 from the "company" after negotiating to purchase a paid-up life insurance of \$4,000,000. Interest on the loan, deductible from income, amounted to \$141,628 for 1932, and Dwight's total taxable income for the year was virtually wiped out for taxation purposes.

Leming submitted names of other wealthy individuals who had transactions with this same "insurance" company.

Plan to Dismiss Crossing Guards
LOS ANGELES — WPA guards to protect school children at heavy traffic crossings would be eliminated with the next school year as part of the cut in WPA employment, it was learned at WPA headquarters here.

More than 1250 were employed at this work at the peak. Since many of them come under the classification of physically unable to perform heavy work, they are among the first scheduled for dismissal. WPA orders call for dismissal of a total of 5000 before July 15. The schedule calls for even further reductions before school opens next fall. Further impetus was given to the Workers' Alliance campaign against the cuts when it was announced here that the dismissed workers could accept the role of the state financed LACRA.

Frame-up Trial of Ortez Started
By a Worker Correspondent
HAYWARD, Alameda County — The trial of Faustino Ortez, framed cannery worker on charges of "assault and battery for allegedly beating a scab from the pickle works, opened here last week with the routine of selecting a jury.

The array of prospective jurors on the panel was an advance notice of the forces that will oppose Attorney Gladstein in his defense of Ortez.

Gladstein was questioning a prospective woman juror on her knowledge of unions and whether or not she would be prejudiced against a union man. The woman claimed not to understand the questions. Gladstein was explaining.

Prosecutor Nelson vociferously objected, charging that Gladstein was making a sales talk. Gladstein retaliated sharply, maintaining that Nelson was attempting to make a sales talk.

SOVIET PLANE'S POLAR FLIGHT GETS TRIBUTES
By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO — The Soviet Union's Polar flight has attracted more respect for the Soviets among American workers than you can imagine.

Misled workers and reactionaries employed where I work, from the anti-Soviet department managers to the misled anti-Soviet Japanese janitor, admitted that the successful Polar flight was an outstanding achievement. One department manager, while trying to belittle the Soviet scientists' triumph, ended up by saying:

"Boy, oh boy, but did you ever see such things as they had on that plane? They sure were whoppers!"

Similar expressions of admiration were heard on all sides.

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SELF PROTECTION IS FIRST PRINCIPLE TAUGHT VOLUNTEERS

BY BOYS IN THE LINCOLN BATTALION

Dear Mama:

As I said before, you must not become impatient for letters. I am doing manual work for a while and there is very little to write about. Until the situation here clears up, there will not be a great deal of action.

It is getting quite warm here. The weather is not like California. It is dryer and lighter. As yet Spain has not changed. Little covered carts drawn by chipper little donkeys, one harnessed ahead of the other, go along the white roads. The countryside has a classic appearance. Short round topped pine trees stand out against the radiant sky on the hills and knolls above the wheat fields.

The buildings are very old, cream-colored, settled into the land. In a town where I visited the International Brigade was eating in a large old church on the Plaza. In the arms of a stone saint on the steeple are a red flag and the flag of Spain.

I have already mentioned the hospitality of the people, the quiet dignity in the simple homes. The food is plain, but not at all unwholesome. It is easily digestible. The water has a delicious flavor. Oranges are a part of every meal.

It already seems very natural that only donkeys go along the dirt roads of the towns. Automobiles are very scarce. Even the finer houses which have been confiscated because of the fascist activities of the former owners have no plumbing, no modern heating or sanitary facilities.

After the war the world is going to discover a Spain they never believed existed, a living vital Spain, a democratic Spain. The proletariat of the world is going to receive a splendid impression of developed Marxist comprehension.

Heard the good news about Angelo Herndon the other night. If you see anyone around the I.L.D. tell them I will write a long letter soon. I think about them often.

Have joined the Socorro Rojo here. Am trying to learn the language. Once that is accomplished, I will be able to go ahead much faster. I am sure it will not be hard to pick up the other Latin tongues, once one is mastered.

Love,

II.

LOS ANGELES, May 18—The following letters were received in Los Angeles from members of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade fighting in Spain against fascist invaders:

"Darling:

"Now I'm writing from a small Spanish town and the lid's off to a certain extent, so at least I may write that I am a member of the Lincoln Battalion, etc.

"The enclosed postcard is from Catalonia where we travelled through on our way here and the words on it are: Catalanian.

"As we pulled into Barcelona we got into some difficulty about our baggage, a little inefficiency, a little mixup and a lot of crabbing on the part of the men. In all modesty let me state that your hubby went about with a few other comrades shaming the men into silence, but still insisted that this was an example of inefficiency of the whole People's Army. Well, that straightened out, we marched silently in the dark (there was an attempted bombing of Barcelona a few nights prior, but the planes were driven off by our planes). I can just imagine the shame those kicking comrades felt when, as we crossed the threshold into the regimental dining hall, a splendid band struck up the International. All the officers and men stood at salute with fists raised, then they dashed around giving us the best possible food, including all sorts of delicacies such as figs, dates, etc., while the Spanish and Catalanian officers rushed around seeing to it that we got everything we wanted. It was a thrilling experience I shall never forget. The band played throughout the entire meal.

"Early the following morning we started for our military base, and while in Catalonia we were received very well by the people, our reception, the enthusiasm of the people, increased from station to station as we rode in towards Valencia in Spain proper, the stations, fields where there were workers, everybody, even babies (actually) raised their fists in salute and shouted "Salud!"—the vast orange belt men and women ran towards us with bushels and bushels of oranges, children threw oranges into the windows at us—they knew who we were and what we had come for.

"Once at the base, I found—from whom I had been separated in New York, also some other comrades. We had a swell time the first night drinking lemonade and coffee and eating candies, walking around, getting the latest dope on the military and political situation (which we had gotten from old issues of the Daily Worker). By the way, you in America know more about the general situation than do we here, therefore I shall confine my letters to personal observations, etc.

"Our life here is very healthy. The food is good. We're quite comfortable and we get paid well enough to supply ourselves with all the little necessities, although the cigarettes and tobacco are pretty bad.

"Our officers are a very capable lot and our equipment is equal if not superior to that of the fascists.

"Well so long kid, not much more time left to finish this letter and get it sent away.

"All my love,

"H."

"Valencia.

"Dear D:

"Surprising to hear from me but yours is the only address of the leading comrades that I remember, so I hope you don't mind.

"I have been here about two weeks and am in training at the present time. There are eight other Angelinos with me, including R., although N. and G. are not in Spain yet, to my knowledge. For which I'm sorry as hell—I mean the fact that N. isn't with me. Of course there are so many outstanding comrades here, and in the case of myself I feel quite at home since such a great portion of the American comrades come from the same industry as I.

"I don't imagine there's much sense in my writing about the life—the stories that are appearing in the Worker (and which we get—though 2, 3 or 4 weeks later), the Masses, etc. do it so much better.

"We don't know how soon we'll hit the front—but the sooner the better. One develops a certain amount of fatalism here, which we are told and know to be incorrect—but it would be a heluva break to travel this far and not be able to bump off a few fascists. Anyway, here's hoping for the chance.

"While I'm thinking of it, give my regards to the kids in the American Committee office and tell them that they and many others are doing work on behalf of the Spanish people that can not be emphasized enough. I would like to hear from the comrades and from you, of course, about the YCL Convention and the work of the League in L. A.

"I have been elected Cultural Director of my section (my duties are everything from developing athletics, social activity, and keeping a stern eye on those comrades who might attempt to use the Daily or any other periodical in our library for toilet paper). And I have to go for a meeting this evening which is a kind of May Day Arrangements Committee. You'll not mind then, I'm sure, if I close with regards to all the comrades and the hope of seeing you soon. "Salud!"

Stars Throw Party To Defend Spain; Nazi Agent Curbed

Hollywood Tips

By JOHN R. CHAPLIN

HOLLYWOOD—About the late Jean Harlow: Labor lost a good friend in her. She was well-liked by the lesser employees on the sets where she worked, and was thoughtful and generous, and we must not overlook the fact that she was practically the only top star who, in 1934, refused to contribute to the studios' compulsory collection to defeat Upton Sinclair for governor.

George Gershwin gave a cocktail party at his Beverly Hills home to help the Tom Mooney defense. Over 100 biggies paid \$10 apiece to attend. They included Dorothy Parker, Luise Rainer, Clifford Odets, Alan Campbell, Irwin Shaw, Frank Tuttle, Les Slesinger, Stella Adler and Lionel Stander. Sponsors of the party, outside of Gershwin, were Mr. and Mrs. Fredric March, Dudley Nichols, Erin O'Brien-Moore and Humphrey Cobb—On the debit side of local activities was the 2-day Russian Fair, of a definitely white-guard nature, which was presided over by Mischa Auer, and attended by Alison Skipworth, Loretta Young, Grant Mitchell, Anna Sten, Jessie Ralph, Anatole Litvak and Gregory Gave.

Appropos the Los Angeles German consul's attempt to intimidate actors appearing in The Road Back, by telling them that all their pictures would be forever barred from the Third Reich, the reaction here was one of utter disgust. The State Department has now informed the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League for the Defense of American Democracy that the German Embassy in Washington has apologized for its attempted intimidation, and that the local consul will be advised no further to interfere with studio activities. While the local consul has issued a statement denying that his ambassador intended to rebuke him, and confirming the suspicion that he was acting on direct orders from Berlin, liberal opinion feels justly proud of what it considers a strong moral victory over the Fascist madmen.

Walter Wanger, one of the ace producers, will trek to Europe in September, and will visit Italy. We will know then whether he still intends going through with the deal he made last year to produce a film for Mussolini. It appears that Mr. Wanger has been at least slightly shocked by Il Duce's recent anti-Semitic stand. Most recent film barred by Il Duce, who keeps almost all good pictures out of his hemetically-sealed country, is The General Died at Dawn. The Screen Writers Guild request for sole representation of writers in the studios will be heard by the labor relations board as soon as the trials of Douglas Aircraft sit-downers are cleared up.

Your Health

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

Tuberculosis on Relief

San Bernardino

Dear Dr. Bissell: We are county relief and my wife is bed-ridden with tuberculosis and asthma. The "house" we are living in is a very unsanitary place for any human. And the welfare department will not pay for a decent place. We have three children ranging from three months to four years. What shall we do?

—S. R.

Answer:

This common story is quite typical of many workers who have a family member with tuberculosis. San Bernardino County is not the only locality where the health authorities are so brutally indifferent to the needs of unemployed tubercular families. I have known of many similar cases in Los Angeles and the Bay Counties.

If you will read a book by any authority on tuberculosis, you will find that the treatment consists mainly in complete rest, freedom from worry, healthy, nourishing food, and good housing conditions. The doctors all know this, the health authorities know it, and also the relief authorities. Yet, a tubercular patient on relief is forced to live in such unsanitary surroundings, which will be certain to make the case worse, because a better house might increase the relief costs by a few dollars.

The relief authorities also know perfectly well that children living in such a house with a tubercular patient are almost sure to catch T.B.

As far as the climate is concerned, San Bernardino is an excellent locality. However, it is absolutely imperative that your wife be sent to a sanatorium or hospital, if for no other reason than to avoid infecting the children. You should go with a committee from the Workers' Alliance to the county hospital and demand that she be taken in immediately. Also,

you should demand that the children receive a tuberculin test. If this is positive, they should be examined thoroughly, including an X-ray, for tuberculosis.

July Fourth Doomed Liberty League of '76

By HARRISON GEORGE

We Americans have always taken our love of liberty seriously. We mean it when we sing:

From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.

For us these are days of great events as were those of July 4, 1776. Those who love liberty and peace are fighting for democracy, for progress, against reaction and fascism, as our forefathers fought against autocracy.

To each age and generation comes the call to battle for progress. In the days of Washington and Jefferson, human rights and advancement for the people of the American colonies demanded an end to British rule, and national independence for what was to be the United States.

Almost two years before the Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia, the First Continental Congress met in the Carpenter's Hall from September 5 to October 26, 1774, and declared:

"We have counted the cost of the contest and nothing is so dreadful as voluntary slavery."

PATRIOTS' SPIRIT SHOWN

By STEEL ORGANIZERS

And is there not the breath of this Spirit of 1776 in the words of the union organizer of Chicago's steel workers who, branding Mayor Kelly as a pro-fascist, cried out:

"We are not going to have fascism in America!"

Millions of American toilers will echo this vow! And millions are beginning to see that to us belongs the heritage of our revolutionary sires who, up to July 4, 1776, organized and led the people's defense of British tyranny through the organization they called the "Sons of Liberty."

The spirit of the revolutionary fathers of our country is expressed in the lines of that great document of liberty, the Declaration of Independence, when it says:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form as they shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

Thomas Jefferson wrote these noble lines.

As colonial citizens of Great Britain, the American people were subjected to a growing deprivation of their rights for decades, during which they tried to build up an independent life for themselves which natural resources and normal progress made possible.

But the British monarchy, favoring the British merchants, traders and manufacturers, forbade or limited everything. Colonists were forbidden to manufacture iron, or hats, or wools. Governors (always appointed by the King) even forbade new towns and cities being founded, fearing "this meant more industries." Imports were required by law to be bought through English merchants.

And that wasn't all. The British King forbade American colonists from selling what few things they might make, or grow, to any but British traders.

One can see how the whole American people was systematically robbed by this system. Though the population was largely farming, the limitations upon industry caused unemployment and suffering to the workers and artisans. And even the well-to-do planters, among them George Washington, were driven nearly to bankruptcy.

RENECITED ARNOLDS OF 1776 ARE HEARST'S OF TODAY

Clearly, these oppressive actions of the British Crown injured all colonists in America. None escaped, except some who became agents for British companies, or were appointees of the King, or in some other way shared in the robbery of the people by the British interests.

These developed later into the hated Tories, traitors to the new nation, who betrayed it in every way, spied upon Washington's troops and even fought with the British against them.

The most notable traitor, Benedict Arnold, was the Hearst of his day, selling his services and military maps of Washington's fortifications to the British for cash. Hearst, through Brisbane, got \$500,000 from the Kaiser in the World War, and now has a rich contract (\$400,000 a year) with Hitler for printing Nazi "news" in Hearst's American papers.

The resentment of the people against the outrageous actions of the King and British Parliament flamed wide and high, especially against the customs taxes, which heavily increased living costs. These unjust restrictions were continually violated by the colonists. Smuggling became a patriotic act to defeat the tyrant.

It is these modern royalists who on this Fourth of July, in the name of liberty, do everything in their power to do away with the smallest right. It is they, the worst reactionaries, the most fascist-minded, who take the name of liberty in vain by cloaking themselves under the name "Liberty League."

It is Hearst, du Pont, Rockefeller, Ford, Al Smith, Eugene Grace, Raskob, Andrew Mellon, Vanderbilt, Hoover, Vincent Astor, Alfred P. Sloan, and various other economic royalists of the

USSR Medics End Childbirth Pains; Jews Record Gains

SOVIET BRIEFS

DOCTORS END RISK, PAIN OF CHILD BIRTH

MOSCOW—Soviet physicians report over 300,000 painless maternity cases for 1936. The discoverer of the special treatment for painless maternity, Professor A. Lurye, has been awarded the Order of Lenin for his work. One young specialist, Dr. Pelminov, reported that there was not a single mortality among the 1000 cases of painless maternity he handled during 1936.

BOKHARA JEWS PROGRESS UNDER NATIONAL POLICY

UZBEKISTAN—Thirty thousand Jews, formerly known as "Bokhara Jews" live here. About 25 per cent are employed in large industry, 13 per cent are members of cooperative arts and crafts, 34 per cent are working in various institutions including doctors, teachers, agronomists. Last year the Jewish Kolkhozes exceeded their quota for cotton over 50 per cent. There are 2 Jewish newspapers, a Jewish theater, 35 elementary and secondary schools with instruction in Jewish, 2 homes for Jewish children, 4 Jewish courts, a Normal School for training Jewish teachers.

ROAD BUILDING GAINS

MOSCOW—The Moscow-Kiev automobile highways will be completed this year. The Moscow-Leningrad and Moscow-Gorky highways will be repaved. A number of new roads are being paved throughout the USSR, including such stretches in Siberia as one connecting the Trans-Siberia Railroad with Yakutia.

WOMAN INVENTS PROCESS

MOSCOW—A woman engineer, V. Yakhnina, 26 years old, invented a new process for treating steel, iron and cast iron against corrosion. This process will replace nickel-plating, is much better than nickel-plating and will cost only a fraction of plating costs.

BILLION RUBLES WILL SAFE-GUARD HEALTH

MOSCOW—The USSR will spend in 1937 more than one billion rubles on the construction of medical institutions. Of this sum over 574 million rubles are to be spent for the construction of maternity homes, nurseries and milk kitchens.

This year will bring the country 186 new hospitals and hospital extensions to accommodate

Liberty League-Hearst-Republican Party gang, who in the name of freedom defend scabbery, spying, gassing, gangsterism, and machine-gun terror.

TWENTIETH CENTURY TORIES CLAIM 100% AMERICANISM

Can you imagine that gang singing the Star Spangled Banner? What a joke! But remember that it is the Fourth of July, a day when the handful of multi-millionaires, who have enriched themselves by enslaving the American people, pretend to the role of flaming patriots.

We can never relax our vigilance in the struggle for freedom, so long as it is threatened by such agents of big capital as: United States Supreme Court Judge Pierce Butler, who said: "The labor movement must be destroyed."

"Chowderhead" Cohen, who breaks strikes for a living and says he'll fight the law for minimum wages and short hours that Roosevelt proposes.

Senator Rush Holt of Virginia, who thinks America needs a monarchy with Nine Old Men as kings.

Harry W. Bennett, boss thug of Ford's gang of "service men."

Governor Hoffman of New Jersey, protector of the murderer of Lindbergh's baby, who threatened sit-down strikers with blood and iron.

Alabama sheriffs who never fail to be "overpowered" by a mob of plantation owners who want to lynch some share-cropper, usually a Negro.

Mayor Rossi of San Francisco, who displays Nazi flags and winks at the "pay-off" from vice.

The American Legion commander at Tampa, Florida, who tore down the Stars and Stripes to prevent Communist Presidential candidate Earl Browder from speaking.

The reader can think of a lot more. But no reader can think of any reason for any such hirelings and yes-men of the economic royalists singing about freedom and liberty—even if it is the Fourth of July.

Yet the economic royalists, the rich who rule America with their power of financial-monopoly capitalism, and all their yes-men and thugs, "honorable" and dishonorable, high grade and low grade crooks and watch-dogs of the rich, have the gall to claim the Fourth of July—that they alone represent America and Americanism.

And that militant workers—especially Communists—are "unpatriotic," even "traitors" and "enemies of democracy."

Let us here and now and henceforth challenge every such falsehood! On the Fourth of July, let us resolve to shout from the housetops the exposure of these bogus patriots, these reactionaries, these Tories of the twentieth century!

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SEEING RED

HOW NOT TO CORRECT LANGUAGE OF MARX-LENINIST CLASSICS

By MICHAEL QUINN

MIKE Gold recently wrote a column urging clearer and simpler writing to make Communist literature more understandable. This struck a warm note of response in Edward Livingston who wrote a four page paper on the subject and gave it to me to use in this column. This column won't hold four pages, so I'll just give the gist of Comrade Livingston's argument.

Livingston admits that he is "sticking his chin out" in making his criticisms. That's perfectly all right. If he wants to start something, he's welcome to "stick his chin out" in this column, and if any of you want to take a crack at him, you can do so by addressing this column.

Just to start the ball rolling, I'll take the first crack. Livingston starts out by taking issue with Mike Gold on the statement that Lenin's writings were always simple and clear. Livingston disagrees and quotes a number of convincing examples to prove his point.

The thing is, however, that these garbled sentences he quotes are not the fault of Lenin, but of Lenin's translators. Later on, Livingston makes this distinction. But in the beginning, he lets Lenin bear the blame.

As Exhibit A. Livingston quotes a paragraph long sentence from Lenin's Collected Works, Russian edition, Vol. XXVII, which, translated in "Strategy and Tactics" reads:

"Marxism alone has given a precise and correct definition of the relation between reforms and revolution, although Marx could discern this relation only from one aspect, namely, from the aspect of a situation that was antecedent to the first victory, in any way durable and in any way lasting, of the proletariat."

about 15,000 patients in cities and 30 hospitals for about 1500 patients in villages; 6 clinics, 30 buildings for students, 39 nurse schools and 21 dormitories for students.

WAGES PERMIT SAVINGS

MOSCOW—During the first quarter of 1937 the savings deposits of the Soviet Union increased 222 million rubles. On April 1, there were over 14 million depositors, with a total of savings amounting to close to 4 billion rubles.

Livingston quotes a lot of other interesting examples and believes that the surest way to develop simplicity and clarity in our writing is to have plenty of good, healthy discussion on the subject. He concludes: "I am not demanding that we write in a literary style, or that we imitate anyone. I shall be perfectly satisfied if we can manage to be a little clearer."

Now, with Livingston's chin sticking out, and my neck sticking out, you are welcome to open fire.

This much is certain, however; the original sentence is outlandish and of the sort that cannot be absorbed at one reading. Translating is a genuine art and requires enormous skill and judgment on the part of the translator. It is no mere automatic clerical accomplishment.

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A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

Yolo County Apricot Strikers Vote for CIO—In Memory of a Comrade in San Pedro ILA—East Oakland C. P. Urges Boycott to Aid Newsboy Strikers—Anti-Labor Policies of Grass Valley Mine Corp. Are Exposed in Labor Board Hearings—ADDITIONAL LABOR NEWS ON REGULAR NEWS PAGES.

"G-Men Club" Is Exposed As a "Glorified" Stoolie Ring

SPYING ON ORGANIZED LABOR AND REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS IS AIM OF ORGANIZED RATS

National Spy Net is Tied Up in Oakland With District Attorney Earl Warren, Who Framed Maritime Leaders

By NAT YANISH

OAKLAND—The police of metropolitan cities maintain contacts in the underworld. Dope addicts, sex criminals, habitual convicts, these serve the police as stool pigeons and finger men.

This element also is utilized by the police to infest labor and revolutionary organizations, serving the same spying service.

YOLO APRICOT WORKERS ARE FIRM FOR CIO

Teamster Official in Strikebreaking Actions

WINTERS, Yolo County—At a meeting on June 21 of 1200 striking orchard workers, affiliation with the Committee for Industrial Organization, through the California Federation of Cannery and Agricultural Workers, was overwhelmingly supported. The meeting was held in an orchard across Putah Creek from Winters, and was the latest development in a strike in the 10-mile Putah Creek apricot belt. Speakers were Henry Wells, of the Sacramento Agricultural Workers Union; Luther Gow, who was a picket captain in the recent Sacramento cannery strike; and Frank Thompson and Philip Longshoremen's Assn. They charged the American Federation of Labor with bad faith in organizing cannery and agricultural workers in California.

Jack Crilley, of the San Francisco Teamsters Union, was the only one who attacked the CIO, and he also attacked the strike as "unauthorized." Crilley said teamsters would not haul fruit picked by CIO union members. Wells said 175 pickets were on duty and that the number would be swelled to 500.

Over 1100 workers have signed in the union here, among the apricot workers, and a committee chosen to go to San Francisco to apply for a CIO charter.

Crilley is maneuvering with the wealthy growers and bankers here to set up a company union with an AFL charter.

In Memory of a Loyal Fighter

SAN PEDRO—John Priznich, member of Intl. Longshoremen's Assn. Local 38-82, and of the ILA unit of the Communist Party, died Tuesday, June 22, after an operation for a burst appendix. Comrade Priznich was well-known by the Slavonian people here as a man of principle, with the courage to back up his principles. He had lived here since 1919, when he began fishing out of this port.

In 1920 he joined the Industrial Workers of the World, and in 1923, as a longshoreman, went out on strike in that hard-fought battle. As a result of his militant activity, he was blacklisted from the industry during the days of the fink hall and Blue Book.

Between 1923 and 1934 he earned a living for his family as a fisherman and was one of the first members of the Fishermen's Union, organized in 1933. When the ILA organized in 1934 and went on strike, Priznich joined the picket line and put in 82 days picket duty. During that strike he joined the Communist Party.

In the last strike, Priznich's record is 100 per cent, with 99 days picket duty. He is survived by a wife, two sons, a daughter and a brother. His sons and brother are all three militant union men with 100 per cent picket records.

Priznich was a native of Dalmatia, where he was born in 1884, coming to this country in 1907. He was a loyal Party member, following closely the events in Spain. Only a few weeks before his death, he took out a collection list and gathered \$32 in 10 days.

Earle Has Renigged Since



A SERGEANT of Pennsylvania State Police is shown taking up Governor Earle's proclamation ordering Johnstown, Pa., Bethlehem steel mills to close. Now Gov. Earle is using the troops to protect strikebreakers.

Organize Culture Projects in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—The recently-set-up Delegates' Council of the California Federation of Government Employees, now organizing the thousands of workers on WPA cultural and professional projects in the Los Angeles area, held its first meeting in the Federation's new offices, Room 745, San Fernando Bldg., on June 21.

Principal order of business for the 40-odd delegates, who were sent by workers on the Theater, Music, Art and Writers Projects, as well as the Emergency Education Program, the County Health and Recreation Projects, the Historical Records Survey, the County Board of Education Project and several other WPA groups, was the election of permanent officers.

The Council also heard the report of its delegate to the People's Legislative Conference, and selected delegates to send to the WPA White Collar Conference in San Francisco.

Officers chosen to lead the WPA workers during the critical period now being faced on all the projects, are: President, Fred Franchi, County Health Project; Executive Secretary, Walter McElroy, Federal Writers Project; Financial Secretary, Rena Vale, Historical Records Survey; Chairman, Organization Committee, Carl Brant, Federal Theater Project; Chairman, Grievance Committee, Roland Plato, County Recreation Project; Chairman, Publicity Committee, Kenneth Boley, Federal Writers Project; Chairman, Entertainment Committee, Leona McGenty, Federal Theater Project; Sergeant-at-Arms, W. R. Healy, County Delinquency Prevention Project.

Legislative Conference Report. W. Wyman, of the County Board of Education Project, who attended the People's Legislative Conference sessions at Santa Maria, reported that the Conference had adopted a resolution supporting WPA and condemning any cuts in the present set-up.

Delegates named to the San Francisco state-wide conference of WPA white-collar workers called by the Professional and Clerical Projects Association, are: Franchi, McElroy, Vale, Plato, and Harry Furney of the Federated Music Project.

'JOB' SHOWS OFFICE UNION IS NEEDED

SAN FRANCISCO—Need for immediate organization of office workers was cited here again last week in the case of one Albert Rier, insurance agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, who operates at 111 Sutter St.

Rier advertised for office help, and when an 18 year old girl, just graduated from business school, applied for the job, she was told that her pay would be \$3 a week for five days a week from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. Rier told her she could utilize her spare time after these hours, to bring in life insurance policies, in order to bring up her earnings.

Distillery May Be Branded Unfair

LOS ANGELES—That the 3-6 Distilleries Co. in Burbank would be placed on the official CIO unfair list unless demands of the United Distillery Workers' Union for reinstatement of workers dismissed for union activity were met by Saturday, was stated by Ken Hunter, CIO organizer, last week.

According to Hunter, 95 per cent of the men in one department of the plant were dismissed recently after the industrial union had made great gains in organizing workers. After the Distillery Workers' Union had begun to organize the plant, the company formed a company union, granted a 10 per cent wage increase, and fired almost an entire department.

AFL "Leader" is Strikebreaking. Immediately, the workers demanded reinstatement of the men on grounds that the company had violated the Wagner Act. Though a verbal promise to do so was made by the company president, the promise was broken and the workers' demands ignored.

Local official of the AFL Central Labor Council, Murray, petitioned the National Labor Relations Board for collective bargaining elections, after the AFL stepped into the situation and took over the company union.

Seattle Guild Plans Organization Drive

SEATTLE—Following the American Newspaper Guild convention in St. Louis, the Seattle Guild chapter is laying plans to effect complete unionization of all unorganized employees on local newspapers. The convention enlarged the jurisdiction of the Guild, in connection with its new CIO affiliation.

Rumor Dave Beck in New Strikebreaking

SAN FRANCISCO—President Jack Shelley, of the Central Labor Council, told several members of the Filling Station Employees' Union, after last Friday night's Council meeting, that Dave Beck of the Teamsters Union "is coming down from Seattle to take over your union." It was revealed in a bulletin issued by the local union. The Council's executive committee has refused to sanction strikes called by the Filling Station Employees' Union.

URGEBOYCOTT TO AID STRIKE OF NEWSBOYS

Communist Party, E. Oakland, Issues Appeal

OAKLAND—Boycotting of newspapers in the East Bay, which are refusing to grant collective bargaining rights to the CIO News Vendors Union Local 335, is urged in a special statement to the citizens of Oakland, issued by the East Oakland Section of the Communist Party. The statement reads:

"The strike of 500 Oakland newsboys still is on. The Publishers' Assn. is trying to starve their employees into submission.

Police Intimidation. "The Oakland and Berkeley police continue to play their historic role. They arrest, intimidate and beat newsboys who are struggling for the right to organize.

"The Board of Education cooperates with Publisher Knowledge. Eight year old boys are sent out of classes during school hours to sell papers and thus help break the militant strike.

Labor Helps Strikers

"There is another side to the story, however. CIO unions have rallied to the support of their brothers, the news vendors. Honest members of labor, whether CIO or AFL, are all aiding the newsboys. Subscriptions to the Bay Area newspapers are being cancelled in wholesale numbers. Money is being donated to the newsboys to carry on.

The Communist Party, vanguard of the working class, works day and night to help the newsboys.

"In the early weeks of the strike, the newsboys found that only the Western Worker, organ of the Communist Party, fully cooperated with them in their struggle to win more bread.

C. P. Helps

"The newsboys also discovered that the Communist Party members in their ranks were the hardest and more sincere fighters in this battle against the greedy publishers. As a result, the Western Worker was accepted as the official organ of the newsboys.

Cancel Subs to These Papers

"The public, too, must rally behind the newsboys. It is the fight of the public, a fight against a vicious publishers' group and life of every man, woman and child in our nation. The pro-fascist campaign carried on by the publishers in the last presidential elections is ample proof of their aims.

"Cancel your subscription to the Tribune, Enquirer, Examiner, Chronicle, Daily News and Call Bulletin. Cancel your advertisements. Inform your neighbors, ask them to cooperate. THE NEWSBOYS' STRUGGLE IS OUR STRUGGLE."

Chinese Crew Hits Dollar's Policy

NEW YORK—Chinese seamen, who for more than 10 years sailed Dollar line ships into New York without once being permitted to see the city, heaped protest here against being summarily dismissed and deported back to China.

When the vessel pulled into Hoboken, the crew of the S.S. President Taft declared they would consider some form of immediate protest action against the heartless treatment they are doomed to receive from the Dollar Line.

Miserably Low Wages

Most of the 60 Chinese in the crew have been working for the line for 10 to 15 years under contracts signed with the line at Hong Kong. Wages paid the Chinese were described as "miserably low."

The Chinese seamen were notified they will be shipped to the Orient when the vessel makes its regular call at San Francisco in a few weeks time.

Crew Adopted Resolution

The crew dispatched a resolution to the company demanding, among other conditions, that they be "permitted to see New York" before deportation.

The Oriental seamen will lose their jobs and be sent back to China under the provisions of the Copeland Act, which permits only a certain percentage of ships' stewards of foreign nationality aboard American vessels.

Business Agent Bob Says . .

As an old California saying has it: "There's gold in them thar hills."

That's true enough for the Grass Valley-Nevada City area, but such outfits as the Idaho-Maryland Mine aren't going to let the miners who dig it out get much of it. If wages were still being paid in gold dust, as they were in the days of the Gold Rush, 49ers, they wouldn't give a miner enough pay in a month to fill a small-sized cavity.

NEWS GUILD STANDS FOR AIDING SPAIN

Pres. Heywood Brown Leads in Support For Democracy

NEW YORK—The American Newspaper Guild has pledged its support for the cause of Spanish democracy in the following resolution, adopted at its recent national convention in St. Louis:

"Whereas, the forces of world fascism, having wiped out the trade unions in their own lands, are now attacking the organized workers and defenseless people of Spain and have already executed all known trade union members in Rebel held territory.

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the American Newspaper Guild, realizing that fascism must be defeated in Spain to halt the anti-labor forces in their lawless attacks on freedom and democracy, hereby registers its vigorous protest against these anti-labor, anti-democratic forces to prevent their ascendancy here; and extends its support and encouragement to the heroic people of Spain, who are now offering their lives in defense of organized labor and democracy."

The resolution carried by a two to one majority. Speaking for the resolution, International President Heywood Brown declared:

"I have heard some talk here that we should stay in our own house. I agree. But the house we are in becomes increasingly large and we should take advantage of that enlargement. We should take a stand against fascism for our own selfish interests, because we have seen what it does to the labor movement."

Delegate James B. Kirby of Cleveland stated: "It is a fanciful conception of unionism to say that what happens in Spain is no concern of ours."

STEEL LOCAL IN BETHLEHEM PLANT, L. A.

LOS ANGELES—A charter from CIO Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of North America was installed for the new local of Bethlehem Steel Workers' Saturday, June 19, at 4433 East 58th Street, Maywood.

Over a majority of the workers in three Bethlehem plants are organized in the new local, the Steel Workers Organizing Committee announced.

On Sunday, a national charter was installed for the local of workers in the Johnson Pump Co.

PEDRO MERCHANTS SUPPORT FIGHT ON POLICE BRUTALITY

LOS ANGELES—Reply of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce to demands of the Maritime Federation unions that they cooperate in the move to stamp out police terror and brutality against workers in the harbor area, was announced Thursday, June 17.

The statement issued read: "You are advised that the merchants of San Pedro have always been on record and now reaffirm the position that they are against police brutality and terrorism and in favor of law and order and adequate police protection.

Chamber's Statement. "Last week a genuine effort was made to show the unions of this area that the merchants are willing to cooperate. During your strikes, we suffered keen losses and, in addition, made substantial donations to the union involved.

GOLD MINING CORPORATION'S ANTI-LABOR POLICIES BARED IN GRASS VALLEY HEARINGS

Idaho-Maryland Mine Heads in Unwilling Testimony Which Establishes Truth Of Charges Brought by Union

GRASS VALLEY, Nevada County—First witness called in the National Labor Relations Board hearings here on charges brought by the Twin Cities Local, Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, was Albert Grace, general manager of the Idaho-Maryland Mine.

Questioned by Bertram Edises, labor relations board attorney, Grace told of the type of gold mining (lode), nature of operations, classes of workers, materials and machinery used, etc.

"A Minor Matter"

However, on methods of hiring and firing workers, it was surprising how little the general manager knew. One was led to believe this was a minor matter that rested in the hands of subordinates only.

This being a lock-out case, it will be interesting to hear later just how much of this testimony is true. Apparently general managers are not supposed to concern themselves with such trivial problems as employment, worker welfare and safety on the job.

No Safety for Men

Highlights of the corporation's policies were unwillingly intimated by Hugh M. Wolfen, "personnel manager" in charge of hiring, with another high-sounding title supposed to do with safety in operations. We will grant considerable effort is used to protect machinery, materials and mules in mines, but what about the scourge of silicosis that takes its yearly toll? That is not openly discussed by mine management.

Wolfen put on a smiling false front to cover vicious hiring methods. Many of his statements were ironical jokes to the miners present. They know the black-listing of hiring systems, including fingerprinting at the Idaho-Maryland hiring office.

Spontaneous laughter was heard when Edises, having gone into hiring quite thoroughly, asked Wolfen what other "burdens" does a miner have to jump before he finally gets a job.

Anti-Labor Policies Will Come Out

Much confusion was displayed by corporation attorney Zook, in attempting to cover up some damaging admissions by the G. M. and the P. M. The mine barons here have had full sway over 20 years, and open investigation is painful for them. Under the prevailing high price of gold, their anti-labor and anti-human policies will be brought out as the hearing proceeds.

This district is the focal point for the California gold mining industry. At least 5000 miners are closely watching the hearing.

Union Goes Forward

Under the Wagner Act, their hopes are high for a successful conclusion of this case. But whatever the decisions, the miners are building their unions firmly in the gold industry.

The Intl. Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers is a continuation of the Western Federation of Miners, founded in 1893. The name was changed about 1917 to give the organization an industrial union form. As inheritors of the glorious struggles of the parent organization, the miners of this district are determined to carry on under the banner of the CIO.

MINE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY IS MOVING AHEAD

Twin Cities' Miners Plan Union Float For July 4th

NEVADA CITY—Twin Cities Auxiliary No. 45, of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers at Nevada City, Calif., is still forging ahead with an active and growing membership. It now has close to 100 members with the prospects of doubling this number soon.

At their last regular meeting, Friday, June 12, plans were finished for a Benefit Social at Olympia Park between the towns of Grass Valley and Nevada City.

This social, the first to be held of this kind, is for the benefit of a sister member and her family, whose husband, a member of Local 283, is now in the Weimer Hospital, a victim of Silicosis. Silicosis is a disease that stands as a perpetual threat over the lives of miners, that could be eliminated, almost completely, under properly regulated underground conditions.

The Ladies Auxiliary's social committee is also actively engaged with a like committee from Local 283, on a float to be entered in the July 4th celebration at Grass Valley, which is one of the big events of this district annually.

It is expected that the float will not only be one of great beauty, but for educational reasons will depict the historical role that our organization has played in the lives of "hard rock" miners, since the days of its founding in 1893 as the Western Federation of Miners.

Thousands of people are always present on this day and it will be brought home to them that the miners of today are carrying on under the banner of the I.U.O.M.M.S.W. as the continuing organization of the Western Federation of Miners, since 1917.

Gas Station Union Fights Two Foes

SAN FRANCISCO—Although Secretary John O'Connell of the Central Labor Council told the union it had no right to demand signed agreements, Filling Station Employees' Union Local 19570 has secured signed, closed-shop contracts with 25 companies in the past two weeks.

The agreements provide 12 1/2 to 25 per cent increase, double-time overtime, time and one-half on legal holidays, vacations with pay, and one night off per month to attend union meetings.

O'Connell Tries Sell-out

Several weeks ago, the union reached an agreement with the Rubber Institute, representing 15 companies, but when it was to be signed, four companies—Firestone Tire Service, Crowe Tire Co., Goodyear Tire Service, Goodrich Silvertown—refused to sign, claiming O'Connell had promised them they wouldn't have to sign an agreement.

However, 11 companies signed, including McKale's which fought the union for two years. O'Connell again played a strikebreaking role when he told the union it had no right to strike and picket the Crowe Co., which was on strike two weeks ago.

The union is having to fight both the bosses and O'Connell, who is backed up by the Teamsters' Union officials.

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